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Whirlpool beats Wall Street projections

Bitzer: 'We managed through the most difficult quarter' of pandemic

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Whirlpool Corp. posted resilient second-quarter earnings in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Benton Harbor appliance maker revealed its second-quarter GAAP net earnings Wednesday to be $35 million, or 55 cents per diluted share, compared to the $67 million, or $1.04 per diluted share, reported in the same quarter of last year.

Whirlpool posted ongoing earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) of $210 million, compared to $363 million in the second quarter of 2019. Ongoing earnings per diluted share was $2.15, compared to the $4.01 in the second quarter of 2019.

This surpassed Wall Street analysts' expectations of 83 cents per share.

"Delivering a solid Q2 performance despite the far reaching impact of COVID-19 on our business is the result of the decisive actions we took throughout the quarter and ultimately demonstrates the resilience of our business model," said Marc Bitzer, chairman and CEO of Whirlpool. "While we recognize the uncertainty and volatility which lies ahead of us, we are proud of the way in which we managed through the most difficult quarter of this global crisis."

Whirlpool's North America region produced a strong performance, expanding EBIT margins to 12.6 percent.

Significant demand recovery was recorded across all regions in June, resulting in year-over-year global margin expansion in the month on a GAAP and ongoing basis.

The company's organic net sales for the quarter fell 22 percent, from $5.2 billion in the second quarter of 2019 to $4 billion.

Prior-year results were unfavorably impacted by a $79 million loss, which was partially offset by a $53 million gain related to a Brazil indirect tax credit and favorable tax items.

The ongoing EBIT margin was 5.2 percent, compared to 7 percent in the same prior-year period as COVID-19 disruptions of nearly 300 basis points were mitigated by significant cost reductions.

Whirlpool's shares began at $144.48 on the New York Stock Exchange, but closed Wednesday with a slight increase to $146.89 a share.

Future outlook

While the full impact of COVID-19 on future business results remains uncertain, Whirlpool is updating its perspective on 2020.

The overall cost reduction of $500 million for the full year remains on track.

The company said it has been proactively taking action to protect cash and build liquidity to solidify its ability to manage the ongoing pandemic.

Whirlpool joined several other companies in withdrawing its 2020 earnings guidance, citing "unprecedented uncertainty" and concerns over disruptions related to the coronavirus.

Whirlpool laid off a portion of its workforce in response to unexpected costs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. The company announced the job cuts – which affected only U.S.-salaried workers – at the end of June.

In previous cost-cutting moves, the Benton Harbor appliance maker offered a voluntary retirement program while also reducing budgets and implementing mandated furloughs, restricting travel, and taking other internal steps due to the pandemic and corresponding economic distress.

Whirlpool officials said the COVID-19 response plan to protect margins and enhance liquidity in 2020 is on track, resulting in cost reductions of about $100 million in the second quarter and a cash balance of $2.5 billion as of June 30.

Jim Peters, chief financial officer of Whirlpool, said he expects a full-year 2020 net sales decline of about 10 to 15 percent and organic net sales decline between 7 and 12 percent.

"Our strong second-quarter results are a testament to our operational strength and the perseverance of our global team," Peters said. "In the quarter, we delivered solid cost takeout globally and strong cash flow improvement through disciplined working capital management. The actions we took earlier this year to sustain our margins and protect our liquidity strengthened our ability to succeed through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and prepare us to withstand current economic uncertainty."

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CROOKED WALK

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A man walks up the pedestrian bridge along the John and Dede Howard Family Recreation Trail in St. Joseph earlier this week.

Teen killed in gas station drive-by

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — A 19-year-old Benton Township man was shot and killed Tuesday night in what police are calling a drive-by shooting at the Phillips 66 gas station/convenience store on Pipestone Road, near M-139.

Benton Township Chief of Police Brian Smit said the shooting doesn't appear to be connected to the looting of the store last week by 20 to 30 teens and young adults, but they are still investigating. The looting was caught on tape and widely circulated on Facebook before it was taken down.

Killed Tuesday in the parking lot was Taj Carter, a customer at the store, who was shot in the chest, Smit said.

Police were called to the station around 11:10 p.m. Tuesday and were told that Carter had already been taken to Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph by a good Samaritan, who arrived after the

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Police are investigating the shooting death of a 19-year-old Benton Township man Tuesday night at the Phillips 66 station on Pipestone Road.

Rage unmasked: How a piece of cloth has America going mad

By TRESA BALDAS
Detroit Free Press

Two killings. A stabbing. Spitting. Cursing. Facebook rants galore.

Michigan's face mask mandate has triggered a tsunami of rage in recent months, with people on both sides of the issue growing further and further apart over whether the face coverings can and should be mandated as a way to stop the spread of COVID-19.

One side argues the masks will help stop the spread of coronavirus and save lives, while the other says it infringes on their freedom, and that the government is exaggerating the seriousness of the virus.

Adding to the tension are the numerous police agencies, including sheriff's departments in Macomb and Van Buren counties, who have said they won't enforce the mask rule.

Caught in the middle are businesses, which have landed in the precarious position of playing cop as they are now required to enforce a new, tougher mask rule that went into effect a week ago: They have to turn the maskless away, or risk a $500 fine or losing their license.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued the tougher mask order following the state's spike in COVID-19 cases, and this week urged President Trump to issue a federal mandate that requires masks in businesses across the country.

This has many businesses nervous and scared given the hostile and violent behavior witnessed across the country over mask mandates.

On July 14, a 77-year-old Lansing man was stabbed at a Quality Dairy market after getting into a confrontation with a 43-year-old Grand Ledge man who wore no mask. The maskless man was shot and killed shortly after by a sheriff's deputy. The stabbing victim survived.

Two days earlier in northern Michigan, a 39-year-old Kalkaska County man allegedly pulled a knife on a Meijer employee who asked him to wear a mask, triggering his arrest and charges.

In May, a security guard at a Flint dollar store was shot and killed after asking a woman to leave the store because her child was not wearing a mask.

Experts flip-flopped on mask

Masks have been controversial since the start of the pandemic as medical professionals initially gave conflicting opinions on whether or not masks should be worn.

The World Health Organization initially said that only those infected with the virus and those caring for them need to wear the mask, but has since changed that position after reviewing research at Stanford University and elsewhere about the ability of cloth masks to slow the spread of the disease.

WHO's mask guildelines are now closer in line with those of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which since early April has recommended masks in public settings where social distancing is difficult.

Earlier in the U.S. outbreak, the U.S. Surgeon General also had urged Americans to stop buying masks, and even tweeted in capital letters: "Seriously people- STOP BUYING MASKS!"

But that was when there

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Heugel: News of lawsuit meant to tarnish him

Suit against former chamber president was settled in April

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County 6th District Commissioner Chris Heugel says it's "very unfortunate" that a lawsuit filed against him in 2019 that has since been resolved is being brought to light shortly before an election.

Heugel is being challenged for his board seat in the August primary election by Julie Wuerfel. Both are Republicans.

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The Herald-Palladium had been unaware of the lawsuit and the settlement, but received a number of emails about it after a recent article profiled the candidates. None of the

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AP-NORC poll: Very few Americans back full school reopening

By COLLIN BINKLEY and HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press

BOSTON — Virtual instruction. Mandated masks. Physical distancing. The start of school will look very different this year because of the coronavirus – and that's OK with the vast majority of Americans.

Only about 1 in 10 Americans think daycare centers, preschools or K-12 schools should open this fall without restrictions, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs.

Most think mask requirements and other safety measures are necessary to restart in-person instruction, and roughly 3 in 10 say that teaching kids in classrooms shouldn't happen at all. The findings are a sharp contrast to the picture that President Donald Trump paints as he pressures schools to reopen. Trump said Wednesday that he would be "comfortable" with his son Barron and grandchildren attending school in person this fall.

"I would like to see the schools open," he told reporters.

Few schools, however, plan to return to business as usual. Many of the nation's largest school districts have announced that they'll be entirely virtual in the fall or use a hybrid model that has children in classrooms only a couple of days a week.

The poll finds only 8 percent of Americans say K-12 schools should open for normal in-person instruction. Just 14 percent think they can reopen with minor adjustments, while 46 percent think major adjustments are needed. Another 31 percent think instruction should not be in person this fall. It's little different among the parents of school-age children.

The poll also shows Americans feel the same about colleges and universities reopening this fall.

Americans show little confidence in Trump's handling of education issues. Only 36 percent say they approve of Trump's performance, while 63 percent disapprove. But a stark political divide on opening schools suggests many Republicans are taking cues from the president.

About 9 in 10 Democrats say requiring students and staff to wear masks is essential to reopening, while only about half of Republicans say the same. Democrats are roughly twice as likely as Republicans to say schools should use a mix of in-person and virtual instruction to reduce the number of students in buildings, 77 percent to 39 percent.

Patty Kasbek, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, said she desperately wants her two children, ages 5 and 10, to return to school. After months at home, the family is stressed and anxious. But with the virus surging, she doesn't see a safe way to reopen.

"School shouldn't even be considered right now," said Kasbek, 40. "We need to get this under control before we play with the virus. It's just too dangerous to put our kids out there like guinea pigs."

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Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
08-09-16-31-37-47
Poker Lotto
JC-6C-9C-3D-8D
Midday Daily 3
1-0-5
Midday Daily 4
1-0-3-0
Daily 3
4-0-4
Daily 4
3-3-1-9
Fantasy 5
06-12-17-36-38
Keno
03-05-06-12-14-23-25-27-29-32-33-38-48-49-50-52-58-65-67-72-76-77
Mega Millions jackpot
$124 million
Powerball jackpot
$106 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
14-25-26-41-43, Mega Ball: 15, Megaplier: 3
Indiana
Cash 5
02-17-23-24-34
Cash4Life
04-06-16-17-18, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
02-16-20-22-26-27-29-31-34-35-37-38-46-57-60-63-69-71-76-79, BE: 69
Daily Three-Midday
4-6-9, SB: 4
Daily Three-Evening
3-7-4, SB: 6
Daily Four-Midday
3-6-9-9, SB: 4
Daily Four-Evening
4-2-3-4, SB: 6
Quick Draw Evening
10-19-21-25-26-32-33-45-46-47-50-53-54-55-62-64-72-75-76-78, BE: 72
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LuckyDay Lotto Midday
06-10-18-42-43
Pick Three-Midday
4-5-1, Fireball: 9
Pick Three-Evening
9-9-0, Fireball: 9
Pick Four-Midday
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was-shortage in protective equipment for the health industry. That shortage no longer exists. And the U.S. Surgeon General has changed his views.

"This whole administration is now supportive of masks," U.S. Surgeon Gen. Jerome Adams said on Monday.

As of Tuesday the U.S. had reported more than 3.8 million cases of COVID-19, and more than 140,000 deaths stemming from the virus. Michigan has seen more than 74,700 cases and 6,135 deaths.

A week ago, the CDC said the U.S. could get the pandemic under control, but the public needs to help: face masks need to be worn universally.

"We are not defenseless against COVID-19," said CDC Director Dr. Robert R. Redfield. "All Americans have a responsibility to protect themselves, their families, and their communities."

Businesses in a tricky spot

Like it or not, however, employment lawyers across the country are telling their business clients that the mask laws must and should be followed.

"If a business is located in a jurisdiction where masks are required, the business has an obligation to enforce that law," said New Orleans employment attorney Mag Bickford, of the McGlinchey firm. "What I've been saying is, 'Do what's reasonable to protect your employees, clients, vendors, and everyone who walks into your business.' And wearing a mask is not an unreasonable measure."

The Free Press contacted labor and employment firms nationwide that exclusively represent companies in employment matters. More than a dozen firms responded.

All said they are advising their clients to follow government orders.

"We recommend that clients err on the side of safety and follow mask rules," said Jessica Shpall Rosen, a partner at the management-side firm of Greenwald Doherty who warns that companies can expose themselves to lawsuits if they ignore mask mandates.

Moreover, Rosen said: "Companies should consider the reputational risks of non-compliance with safety orders."

There's also a risk of getting sued by employees who may get infected, warns Nannina Angioni, an employment attorney with the Los Angeles-based firm Kaedian.

"When dealing with employee issues, it's never a good idea to violate a government order. A company is setting itself up for liability on a host of fronts if it decides not to follow a government mandate," Angioni says. "Yes, for some reason, whether to wear a mask has become a political issue."

Whitmer stiffened the mask rule in response to Michigan's uptick in COVID-19 cases, which continue to climb on a daily basis, but with few deaths. For example, the state saw more than 100 deaths on one day in April, compared to the 9 deaths on Tuesday, which also saw more than 570 new cases.

Restaurants defy mask order

One day after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stiffened mask order went into effect, a longtime Hazel Park pizzeria posted an inaccurate meme about mask-wearing exemptions to its Facebook page and front door last week.

This is what Pizza Connection, a 51-year-old staple in the blue-collar Detroit suburb, had to say about the mask mandate in a July 14 post:

"If you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing a mask, you don't need to wear one. If you are not wearing one, we will assume this is the case. Due to HIPAA and the Fourth Amendment we will not ask you about your condition. Thank you for your business and we respect the rights of all."

A Monroe restaurant named Pete's Garage reportedly posted the same meme on its page a day earlier and faced swift criticism, deleting the post before the Pizza Connection one went up.

Backlash quickly followed for the pizzeria as more than 400 commenters took to Facebook, most of them overwhelmingly against the statement.

"We've been long time customers and absolutely will not be back," wrote one commenter. "This is inexcusable and completely irresponsible ... Way to put the community and your employees that have supported you for all these years needlessly at risk."

Pizza Connection removed the controversial meme later in the week, alleging in a follow-up post that the owners had received threats and had to get police involved.

A corn dog shack in Grand Haven faced similar backlash after criticizing mask requirements on social media. Pronto Pup owner Carl Nelson vented on his restaurant's Facebook page that the pandemic isn't real and that his employees shouldn't be required to wear masks because of the heat.

Nelson also criticized the Black Lives Matter movement in that same post.

Backlash quickly followed as thousands posted on the corn dog's Facebook page, many vowing never to visit, while many others supported Nelson's right to speak his mind.

Legal experts have said that neither HIPAA nor the Fourth Amendment apply to businesses enforcing the state-mandated mask order. The Fourth Amendment applies to action by the state, not private businesses, they have said.

And HIPAA only applies to health care professionals, they said.

'Businesses are right to be skeptical'

Constitutional law expert Lee Strang, a professor of law and values at the University of Toledo College of Law, says businesses are facing "unprecedented" oversight by the government amid the pandemic.

And they have the right to sue over it, he said, noting challenges to mask orders raise two issues: Governors don't have the power to make such rules, and businesses have a right to run their businesses.

"This is an unprecedented exercise of power, and so I think business owners are right to be skeptical," Strang said. "The American legal system has recourse for this."

"There's a thumb of the scale on the side of the business owner's freedom," Strang said, noting that businesses can argue that even if a governor has the power to order a mask rule, "you don't have a good enough reason to regulate me in this instance."

"The government has to have some good reasons to regulate (businesses)," said Strang, noting several businesses are preparing to challenge Ohio's mask order. "I support litigants putting exercises of government power to the test."

"Businesses have a right to challenge government authority," he said.

Strang would not comment on if he thinks wearing masks to prevent a disease from spreading is a good enough reason to regulate businesses. He did say that ordering an infected person to quarantine for 14 days would likely pass constitutional muster. But ordering the healthy to stay inside and mask up when they go shopping may be government overreach, he said.

'There's no perfect solution'

The Michigan Retailers Association has said that some retailers have chosen the path of least resistance by assuming that customers not wearing masks have a medical reason for not putting on masks. They take them at their word, and let them shop mask-free.

"Now, it sounds like the governor is requiring that each person without a mask be approached by someone in the store," Holland said. "That's concerning."

Arthur Siegal, an attorney and partner at Jaffe law firm in Southfield who has been closely following the governor's orders, says business fears are "understandable."

"There is no perfect solution here. A lot of de-escalation training and calm explanation are good ideas," Siegal said. "I understand the concern that businesses are being 'deputized' to be law enforcement officers."

Employment attorney Stephen Gee, who works in the Detroit office of the national employment firm of Fisher Phillips, said he and his colleagues cite scientific experts in advising their clients to follow the mask rule.

"We point out that health experts have unanimously declared wearing masks to be one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19," Gee said.

To avoid potential problems with customers who may get upset by the mask rule, Gee recommends the following guidelines, which are similar to those recommended by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission:

Post the mask policy online so that customers are aware ahead of time. Train staff on how to handle situations where a customer is not wearing a mask. Staff should initially politely inform the customer that the business requires masks and then offer a disposable mask for use. If a customer says a medical condition prevents them from wearing a mask, staff should take the customer at their word and offer various alternatives, including curbside service, online shopping or that they wear a full, clear face shield. If a customer refuses alternatives, the person should be referred to a manager, addressed in a private area and the designated manager should document every instance in which he or she is asked to deal with a refusing customer.

Gee said that on its face, Whitmer's mask mandate "appears enforceable" pursuant to the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945 and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"Therefore," Gee says, "I would not recommend a client challenge the mask rule."

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PRIMARY ELECTION

2 Republicans vie for District 5 county board seat

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YARDLEY

GORENFLO

ST. JOSEPH — The retirement of Berrien County Commissioner Bill Chickering has left an opening for someone new.

Running for the 5th District seat in the Aug. 4 primary are Republicans Bruce Gorenflo and David Yardley. Democrat Rayonte Bell will face the primary winner in November.

The 5th District includes the city of St. Joseph, precincts 1 and 2 in St. Joseph Township and the village of Shoreham.

Yardley and Gorenflo have both sought political office before. They both said they're running again now because they want to give back to the community that they've lived in most of their lives.

Economic development and broadband

Yardley said he sees economic development and access to broadband internet as big things he'd like to improve.

He's been the director of development and marketing for Harbor Country Mission for the last three years and he said that experience has shown him the needs of a lot of folks in Berrien County.

"I became very aware of the problems with our county transportation system as well as issues with our broadband internet accessibility that has been a detriment especially to our clientele that have issues accessing both," Yardley said.

He said there's also a greater issue of affordable housing for those who live and work here year-round.

"I started working with many of our county commissioners on finding solutions to these issues," Yardley said. "Many of those commissioners thought I should explore the opportunity once Bill Chickering decided to retire. I decided the time was now to run and put my knowledge and experience to use for Berrien County."

He said he wants to solve these issues through innovation and technological advancement.

In addition to working with HCM, he owns Yardley Campaign Solutions. He's also currently working as a field supervisor for the U.S. Census.

Yardley has raised his two sons by himself since 2007 and they will soon be heading off to college. His 91-year-old mother, a cancer survivor, also lives with them.

He's been involved in Boy Scouts of America and the American Youth Soccer Organization.

Yardley is a graduate of the Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University and has worked for the Michigan House of Representatives as a chief of staff, and as director of special events and projects for the House Republican Caucus. He was the lead staff to the House Veteran's Affairs and Homeland Security Committee.

He calls himself a key player on economic revitalization and educational issues, including enterprise zones, housing opportunity zones, educational choice, charter schools and virtual high school/courses.

Yardley said his being active in business and political causes for over 30 years makes him right for the job.

Public health and law enforcement

Gorenflo said he wants to focus on how the county comes out of the COVID-19 pandemic, along with improving law enforcement.

He said he doesn't think law enforcement and communities of color have the best relationship right now.

"And we need to do something to heal that," he said. "I think our sheriff's office does a great job in general, but there's no organization that can't get better. They should have state-of-the art training on deescalation and mental health."

He said the health department has to be state-of-the-art too.

"The health department have been leaders in the state on testing and tracing," Gorenflo said. "We need to make sure they're supported financially, as well as with our moral support as a community and a county commission."

He said the COVID-19 pandemic has caused an economic fallout that the county is going to need some wisdom to recover from.

Gorenflo calls himself a "constructive consensus builder," from his 35 years as a senior technical writer in the graphics and communications industry.

"I sometimes had to get 20-30 people on board with a project," he said. "Sometimes you had to do cajoling. You had to have a lot of people-skills to get through that, and pay attention to details."

He's since retired from that industry, but still works part-time at his church, Napier Parkview Baptist Church, where he also serves on the board of deacons.

He's a member of the Berrien County Republican Party Executive Committee and has served as precinct delegate since 2014. In addition, he's secretary of the Board of Directors of Christian Involvement in Service.

He is a graduate of St. Joseph High School, Lake Michigan College and Western Michigan University. He and his wife, Christine, have three grown sons.

Gorenflo said he likes that local and county government have such an immediate impact on people's lives.

"For example, roads that you drive on each day, like Napier Avenue. That project is going to make that road smoother and safer. It's yet to be seen if the three lanes will work out, but it's going to give a lot more room for bicyclists and pedestrians," he said.

In addition to improving the county's roads, he wants to keep the county's numerous parks clean and safe because they are a great destination for visitors.

He added that he wishes politics weren't so divisive.

"Whether or not to wear a mask has become political and it really shouldn't be," Gorenflo said. "I think we need a little bit less of that and I think I can bring that to this job."

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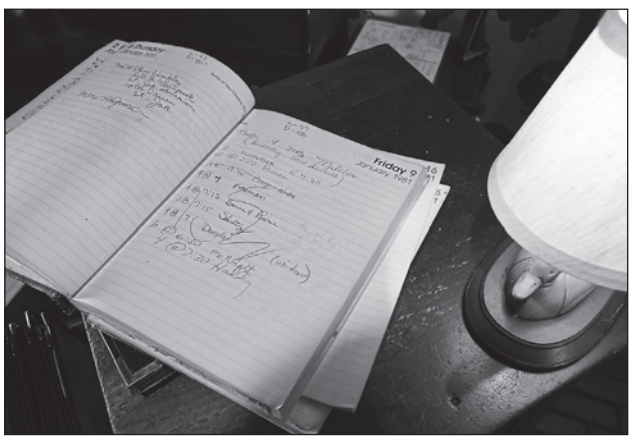
The Grande Mere Inn, along Red Arrow Highway in Stevensville, is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Grande Mere Inn marks 40 years

Owner says they've done farm-to-table for decades

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer



A reservation book from 1981 keeps track of lunch and dinner numbers at The Grande Mere Inn. The Stevensville restaurant is celebrating its 40th anniversary this month.

"We have church members still coming who ate here when we opened. And we have grandchildren of some of our original workers coming through now, washing dishes. This is truly a family place."

CHARLEY RACINE

STEVENSVILLE — The first customer was served at Grande Mere Inn on July 22, 1980.

On Wednesday, the popular restaurant quietly celebrated 40 years of what the owners describe as offering high quality food, friendly service and a stunning view of Lake Michigan. And it remains a family business.

Charley Racine and his wife, Tricia, took over as owners about five years ago from his parents, Pete and Nancy Racine, when Pete died.

Prior to that, Charley had cooked in the kitchen for 15 years.

Sitting high on a ridge off Red Arrow Highway in Stevensville, Grande Mere Inn features a cottage style dining room with windows that overlook Lake Michigan, and the Cranberry Bog Bar, named for a time when Stevensville residents harvested cranberries nearby.

Racine said Grande Mere prides itself on all the salad dressings, tartar sauce and cocktail sauce all being made in house, and cooking that incorporates locally grown foods.

"Farm-to-table is a big thing now, but we've been doing it ever since the 1980s," he said.

Racine said, regarding his personal favorite menu items, "I go between liver and onions and the seafood platter."

He said seafood is the most popular among customers.

"Seafood in general, especially crab legs, is out of control. Since we opened back up (after the closure due to COVID-19), the amount of seafood is amazing," he said.

Some other menu items include chicken dishes, meatloaf, salads, burgers and appetizers.

Racine said the number of return customers is a testament to Grande Mere Inn's ongoing success.

"We have an extremely loyal customer base," he said. "We have church members still coming who ate here when we opened. And we have grandchildren of some of our original workers coming through now, washing dishes. This is truly a family place," he said.

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PRIMARY ELECTION

Henderson seeks District 4 county seat held by Yarbrough

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

Benton Harbor city Commissioner Sharon Henderson said she is challenging Berrien County Commissioner Mamie Yarbrough in the Aug. 4 Democratic primary because some changes need to be made at the county level.

YARBROUGH

Yarbrough, who has represented District 4 for 16 years, said she wants to serve another two-year term to help bring stability to the county, which has recently seen several top officials resign or retire.

There is no Republican running for the position. District 4 covers Benton Harbor and part of Benton Township.

HENDERSON

Henderson, 48, said she is running because "the current leadership has not advocated for the improvement of the quality of life such as public safety, health, well being or prosperity for the people who live in District 4, Benton Harbor."

If elected, she said she will call for more representation from Benton Harbor on the county's advisory committees and boards.

She said she applied for an open seat on one of the county's advisory boards and never got a response.

"Nobody called me. There was silence," she said. "... I don't even know if (my application) was looked at."

Henderson said there's very little representation from Benton Harbor on Berrien County boards, and that has to change.

"If that happened to me as an elected official, how many other people have applied for boards or tried to be a part of something and there was no response – just silence," she said.

Even if she's not elected, she said she's going to get more involved at the county level.

"I have to," she said. "When I walk into a county building, there are very few people who look like me. That's a problem. ... Those are some of the issues that have to change for our county to change. Representation."

Henderson and her husband, Marvin Henderson, have three adult children. She has been the Ward 1 Benton Harbor city commissioner since 2011 and works as a student advocate at Benton Harbor Charter School.

Yarbrough, 78, said her experience on the board is vital.

"I've been on the commission for 16 years, but we have so many employees that have been with the county for 20 to 25 years, and many have retired and turned in resignations this year," she said. "So we have a whole new set of people. I would like, with the experience that I have, to be able to continue on the board so I can contribute some history and experience to Berrien County."

Yarbrough is chairwoman of the commission's finance committee and is the board chaplain. In addition, she serves on the Land Bank Authority, Economic Development Corporation, Parks and Recreation Commission, Workforce Development Board, Michigan Works Improvement Committee and Pension Board.

She said she has helped bring many changes to the county during her years on the board.

"I'm very proud to be a Berrien County commissioner because of all the things that we've done," she said.

During her watch, she said the Berrien County Public Defender's Office was created to represent people who can't afford an attorney.

In addition, she said the parks have been expanded and Berrien County Animal Control moved into a new building.

Yarbrough is married to former Benton Harbor Mayor Charles "Mickey" Yarbrough. She has two adult children and is retired from managing multi-family housing in Berrien County for 30 years.

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IN BRIEF

New COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations continue

Berrien County recorded 12 new COVID-19 cases and 21 new recoveries Wednesday.

This brought the number of active COVID-19 cases in the county to 142, down from 151 on Tuesday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 12 COVID-19 patients as of Wednesday morning. That's up from nine patients on Tuesday.

Van Buren County gained 12 new COVID-19 cases on Wednesday and Cass County gained seven.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals of Hartford Township will conduct a public hearing at its August 10, 2020 Meeting, which meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Hartford Township Hall, 61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057. The following application from Andrew & Kristen Bachman will be considered:

Dimensional variance to front yard setback.

Parcel #80-11-013-009-00 59540 Red Arrow Hwy. All interested persons may attend the meeting and be heard.

Written comments regarding this application can be submitted to the Hartford Township Zoning Administrator, 61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057 up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing.

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SODUS TOWNSHIP

TO: Sodus Township Residents and Interested Parties:

Notice of Planning Commission Special Meeting Request from the Marathon Corporation and Speedway LLC regarding Special Land Use / Sign Variance / Site Plan for new Speedway Filling Store both Commercial Trucking and the General Public.

Please take notice that the Sodus Township Planning Commission will hold a special meeting August 10 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Sodus Township Hall, 4056 King Drive, in said Township to consider the following Land Use permit & Variance permit and site plan.

A Special Land Use Permit, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance section 10.04 (6), Site Plan Review 21.07.B (1) and 21.09, Parking Lot Signage 19.07 & 19.08 (3)

Legal Description: 11-19-0005-0022-11-1 & 11-19-6000-0010-01-7 more commonly known as 2699 M-139 Hwy. Cosmo Extended Stay & 11-19-6000-0009-00-1, more commonly known as 2657 M-139 Hwy. Marathon Petroleum Company.

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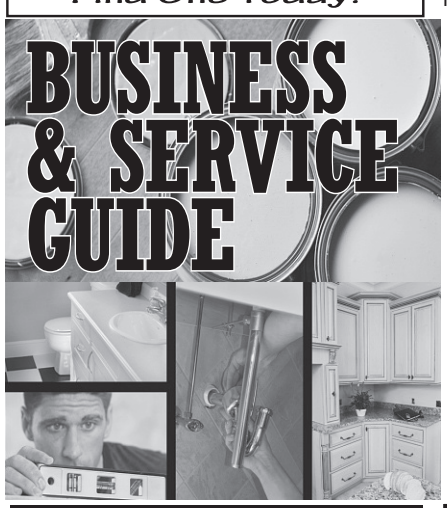

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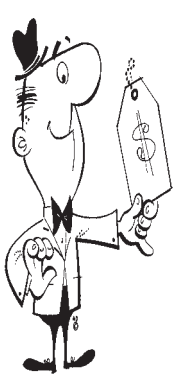

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF
2020 MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS
(LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION)
CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
STATE OF MICHIGAN

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Benton Harbor, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, conducted electronically in conformity with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order No. 2020-110 (COVID-19) and Executive Order No. 2020-129, on July 6, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Commissioners Adams, Edwards, Haralson, Henderson, Henry, Isom, Singleton, Mayor Pro-Tem Srats, Mayor Muhammad

ABSENT: Commissioners None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Singleton and supported by Commissioner Haralson:

WHEREAS, this City Commission hereby determines that it is necessary to acquire and construct the major and local road improvements described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made part hereof (the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Improvements is estimated to be not less than Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000); and

WHEREAS, to finance a portion of the cost of the Improvements the City Commission deems it necessary to borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) and issue bonds therefor as authorized by the provisions of Act 175, Public Acts of Michigan, 1952, as amended ("Act 175"); and

WHEREAS, the Improvements are in accordance with the purposes enumerated in Act 51, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951 ("Act 51"); and

WHEREAS, the revenues received by the City from the Michigan Transportation Fund ("MTF") pursuant to Act 51 in the year preceding this contemplated borrowing are more than sufficient to comply with all the requirements specified in Section 4 of Act 175; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds (hereinafter defined), the City desires to enter into a Master Debt Retirement Trust Indenture, (the "Master Trust Indenture") between the City and U.S. Bank National Association, Detroit, Michigan, as trustee (the "Trustee") that provides for the escrow of MTF Distributions (as hereinafter defined) received by the Trustee on behalf of the City to pay the debt service on the Bonds and other obligations of the City secured by MTF Distributions; and

WHEREAS, the Commission deems it advisable and necessity at this time to authorize MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C. the issuance of one or more series of bonds within the parameters of this Resolution and confirmed at the time of sale of such bonds in an order of an Authorized Officer (the "Sale Order"), to finance the Improvements determined and confirmed by the Authorized Officer in the Sale Order; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the City's Municipal Advisor, the Commission has determined to sell the Bonds by negotiated sale to the Michigan Finance Authority (the "MFA") pursuant to a bond purchase contract between the City and the MFA (a "Purchase Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to authorize each Authorized Officer to enter into such agreements and execute such additional documents as may be necessary to effect the delivery of the Bonds to the MFA and the delivery of the bonds of the MFA to a purchaser or underwriter (the "Related Documents");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Section 3 15(1)(d) of Act 34, the Commission desires to delegate to the Authorized Officers (as defined below) the authority to make certain determinations with respect to the Bonds, within the parameters of this Resolution and to authorize each Authorized Officer, among other things, (i) to determine the principal amounts of the Bonds to be issued; (ii) to determine the interest rate provisions and other requirements for the Bonds; (iii) to determine and allocate the amount of proceeds of the Bonds to the various Improvements; (iv) to negotiate the terms for the sale of the Bonds with the MFA; (v) to file a qualifYing statement and/or application for full approval to issue the Bonds, as necessary, to apply for a waiver of the rating requirement applicable to bonds issued in a principal amount exceeding $5,000,000, and to make such other filings with and to pay any post issuance fees to the Michigan Department of Treasury as required by Act 34, and (vi) to take such other actions and make such other determinations as may be necessary to accomplish the sale and delivery of the Bonds and the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, as shall be confirmed by the Authorized Officer in the Sale Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Approval of Plans and Cost Estimates; Useful Life. The plans and estimates of the cost of the Improvements are hereby approved and adopted. The period of usefulness of the Improvements is estimated to be not less than fifteen (15) years.

2. Authorization of Bonds; Designation; Bond Terms. The City Commission hereby determines to borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) and issue bonds of the City therefor pursuant to the provisions of Act 175 (the "Bonds"), for the purpose of providing funds to pay a portion of the cost of the Improvements, including the costs incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be designated 2020 MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS (LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION), shall consist of bonds registered as to principal and interest in minimum denominations of $100,000 and multiples of $5,000 in excess thereof, be elated as of the date of delivery or such other date as shall be determined by the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Finance Director (each an "Authorized Officer") at the time of sale of the Bonds, and be numbered as determined by the Trustee (hereinafter defined). The Bonds shall mature on August 1 (or such other clays as determined by an Authorized Officer) in the years and in the principal amounts as determined by an Authorized Officer at the time of sale. The Bonds may be issued as serial or term bonds or both and may be subject to optional or mandatory redemption prior to maturity at the times and prices determined by an Authorized Officer at the time of sale. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate to be determined upon negotiated sale thereof, but in any event not exceeding six percent (6.00%) per annum, payable semi-annually on August 1 and February 1 as determined by an Authorized Officer at the time of sale. 1110 Bonds are also subject to the payment of "additional interest" as described in the form of the Bonds included in Section 10 of this Resolution. Unless otherwise provided by the Authorized Officer in the Sale Order, interest on the Bonds shall be calculated on the basis of a 360 day year consisting of twelve, 30 day months. The underwriter's discount on the Bonds shall not exceed 2.0% of the principal amount of the Bonds. The Bonds may be sold at a price not less than 98.0% of the principal amount thereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, as long as the MFA is the owner of the Bonds, the Bonds are payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at the corporate trust office of U.S. Bank National Association, Detroit, Michigan, or such other qualified bank or financial institution as shall be designated in writing to the City by the MFA (the "MFA 's Depository"). The City or the Trustee will deposit with the MFA's Depository payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds in immediately available funds at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise. Written notice of any redemption of the Bonds shall be given by the City and received by the MFA 's Depository at least 40 days prior to the date on which such redemption is to be made, or such lesser period as may be set forth in the Purchase Contract.

Unless waived by any registered owner of Bonds to be redeemed, official notice of redemption shall be given by the Trustee on behalf of the City. Such notice shall be dated and shall contain at a minimum the following information: original issue date; maturity dates; interest rates; CUSIP numbers, if any; certificate numbers (and in the case of partial redemption) the called amounts of each certificate; the redemption date; the redemption price or premium; the place where Bonds called for redemption are to be surrendered for payment; and that interest on Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date.

In addition, further notice shall be given by the Trustee in such manner as may be required or suggested by regulations or market practice at the applicable time, but no defect in such further notice nor any failure to give all or any portion of such further notice shall in any manner defeat the effectiveness of a call for redemption if notice thereof is given as prescribed herein.

3. Execution of Bonds; Book-Entry-Only Form. The Bonds shall be signed by the facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk and shall have the facsimile seal of the City printed on the Bonds. The Bonds shall be delivered to the Trustee for authentication and be delivered by the Trustee to the MFA or other person in accordance with instructions from an Authorized Officer upon payment of the purchase price for the Bonds in accordance with the offer therefor when accepted.

The Bonds may be issued in book entry only form through the Depository Trust Company in New York, New York ("DTC") and the Authorized Officers are authorized to execute such custodial or other agreements with DTC as may be necessary to accomplish the issuance of the Bonds in book entry only form and to make such change in the Bond Form within the parameters of this Resolution as may be required to accomplish the foregoing.

4. Sale of Bonds to MFA. In connection with the sale of the Bonds to the MFA, the following additional provisions shall apply:

(a) Each series of Bonds shall be in the form of a single fully-registered, nonconvertible bond in the denomination of the full principal amount thereof, dated as of the date of delivery, payable in principal installments serially as finally determined at the time of sale of the Bonds and approved by the MFA and the Authorized Officer. Final determination of the principal amount the Bonds and the payment dates and amounts of principal installments of a series of Bonds shall be evidenced by execution of the Purchase Contract between the City and the MFA providing for sale of the Bonds, and any Authorized Officer is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Purchase Contract when it is in final form and to make the determinations set forth above. Any Authorized Officer is authorized and directed to approve of a series designation with respect to each series of Bonds.

(b) The Bonds or principal installments thereof may be subject to prepayment prior to maturity in the manner and at the times as provided in the form of the Bond contained in this Resolution or as may be approved by an Authorized Officer at the time of sale of the Bonds or by the MFA at the time of prepayment.

(c) The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates specified in the Purchase Contract and approved as evidenced by execution of the Purchase Contract, but in any event not to exceed the Maximum Interest Rate, and an Authorized Officer shall deliver the Bonds in accordance with the delivery instructions of the MFA.

(d) The Bonds shall not be convertible or exchangeable into more than one fully registered bond. Principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable as provided in the Bond form in this Resolution as the same may be amended to conform to MFA requirements.

(e) The Trustee shall record on the registration books payment by the City of each installment of principal or interest or both when made and the cancelled checks or other records evidencing such payments shall be returned to and retained by the City Treasurer.

(f) Upon payment by the City of all outstanding principal of and interest on a Bond, the MFA shall deliver the respective Bond to the City for cancellation.

5. Transfer of Bonds. Any Bond may be transferred upon the books required to be kept pursuant to this section by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Trustee. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the City shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds, in like aggregate principal amount. The Trustee shall require the payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer. The date of determination of the registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this resolution may be changed by the City to conform to market practice in the future.

6. Establishment of Accounts and Funds. The City hereby establishes and creates the following special, separate and segregated accounts and funds which shall be held for and on behalf of the City by a bank or banks or other financial institution which the Finance Director or Treasurer of the City designates as depository of the City; provided that the Debt Retirement Fund shall be held in trust by the Trustee in accordance with the Master Trust Indenture:

A. Debt Retirement Fund;
B. Bond Issuance Fund; and
C. Construction Fund.

Each Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to establish such accounts, subaccounts or funds as shall be required for the Bonds, if any, to accommodate the requirements of such series of Bonds, including, but not limited to, such accounts, subaccounts or funds necessary to facilitate the allocation and use of bond proceeds to finance the Improvements, the purchase and payment of the Bonds, and the drawdown of proceeds thereof and the related adjustment the principal amount outstanding.

7. Debt Retirement Fund; Security for the Bonds. To provide moneys to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds and in accordance with the provisions of Act 175, there is hereby made an irrevocable appropriation of the amount necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds from the moneys to be derived from State-collected taxes returned to the City for highway purposes, pursuant to law (the "MTF Distributions"). The City has reserved the right to issue additional bonds of equal standing and priority of lien as to said State-collected taxes with the Bonds within the limitations prescribed by law.

Any Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, approve and execute the Master Trust Indenture for and on behalf of the City with the Trustee, to provide for the pledge and set aside of MTF Distributions to secure payment of the Bonds. Nothing in this Resolution shall restrict or be construed as restricting the City's ability to make additional pledges or assignments of MTF Distributions as security for current or future bonds or obligations of the City, subject to the requirements for the issuance of Additional Bonds and obligations set forth in the Master Trust Indenture and Act 175.

There shall be, in each year that any of the principal of and interest on the Bonds remains unpaid, set aside in a separate account with the Trustee, to be designated 2020 MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS DEBT RETIREMENT FUND (the "Debt Retirement Fund"), sufficient moneys from the MTF Distributions in the amounts as specified in the Master Trust Indenture to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds next maturing. The amount of the annual deposit into the Debt Retirement Fund from the MTF may be reduced from year to year to the extent that other lawfully available moneys are on deposit in the Debt Retirement Fund to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds next maturing. Each Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with such parties as may be necessary to provide for the direct intercept by the Trustee of the MTF Distributions in pursuance of the foregoing.

8. Additional Security. Pursuant to Act 175, and as additional security for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, there is hereby irrevocably pledged the limited tax full faith and credit of the City, and in the event of insufficiency of funds primarily pledged to the payment thereof, the City covenants and agrees to provide for such insufficiency from such resources as are lawfully available to it, including the levy of ad valorem taxes, subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations.

9. Use of Proceeds; Bond Issuance Fund; Construction Fund. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be used to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds and to pay the cost of the Improvements. Upon receipt of the proceeds of sale of the Bonds the accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited in the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds. There shall next be set aside in the Bond Issuance Fund, from the proceeds of the Bonds, a sum sufficient to pay any costs of issuance of the Bonds. Moneys in the Bond Issuance Fund shall be used solely to pay expenses of issuance of the Bonds. Any amounts remaining in the Bond Issuance Fund after payment of issuance expenses shall be transferred to the Construction Fund.

After making the deposits required above, the remainder of the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be deposited a separate depository account to be designated 2020 MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS CONSTRUCTION FUND (the "Construction Fund"). Except for investment pending disbursement and as hereinafter provided, moneys in the Construction Fund shall be used by the City solely and only to pay the cost of constructing the Improvements, including associated costs of planning, design, property acquisition, engineering, inspection and like costs which are properly capitalizable to the Improvements, as such costs become due and payable and, if necessary, to rebate arbitrage earnings, if any, to the United States Department of Treasury as required by the Code.

Each Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to requisition moneys from the Construction Fund for the payment costs of the Improvements, including reimbursement to the City for moneys previously expended in anticipation of issuance of the Bonds, to the extent reimbursement for such project expenditures has been properly induced by resolution of the City Commission in accordance with the Code, if required.

Upon payment of all costs of the Improvements, any balance in the Construction Fund shall be transferred to the Debt Retirement Fund or used in any other manner which in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel is permitted by law and which will not cause the interest on any Bonds issued on a tax exempt basis to become includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes.

10. Bond Form. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form subject to such changes as may be required by the Authority or as may be determined by an Authorized Officer and bond counsel to the City:

FORM OF BONDS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
2020 MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND BOND
(LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION)

Interest Rate Maturity Date Date of Original
August 1, ___ _ Issue _ __ _,2020 CUSIP

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount: Dollars

The City of Benton Harbor, County of Berrien, State of Michigan (the "City"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to the Michigan Finance Authority (the "Authority"), or registered assigns, the Principal Amount shown above pursuant to a Purchase Contract between the City and the Authority (the "Purchase Contract"), in lawful money of the United States of America, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided. The Principal Amount shall be payable on the dates and in the annual principal installment amounts set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof, as such Schedule may be adjusted if a portion of the Principal Amount is prepaid as provided below, with interest on each principal installment from the Date of Original Issue until paid (calculated on the basis of a 360 day year consisting of twelve, 30 day months) at the [rate or rates per annum set forth on Schedule A]. Interest is first payable on _____1 20_, and semiannually thereafter on the first clay of _____ and _____ of each year, as set forth in the Purchase Contract.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this bond, as long as the Authority is the owner of this bond, (a) this bond is payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at the corporate bust office of U.S. Bank National Association, Detroit, Michigan, or at such other place as shall be designated in writing to the City by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository"); (b) the City agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this bond in immediately available funds at least five business days prior to the elate on which any such payment is clue whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise; and (c) written notice of any redemption of this bond shall be given by the City and received by the Authority's Depository at least 40 clays prior to the date on which such redemption is to be made.

Additional Interest

In the event of a default in the payment of principal or interest hereon when due, whether at maturity, by redemption or otherwise, the amount of such default shall bear interest (the "additional interest") at a rate equal to the rate of interest which is two percent above the Authority's cost of providing funds (as determined by the Authority) to make payment on the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond but in no event in excess of

the maximum rate of interest permitted by law. The additional interest shall continue to accrue until the Authority has been fully reimbursed for all costs incurred by the Authority (as determined by the Authority) as a consequence of the City's default. Such additional interest shall be payable on the interest payment date following demand of the Authority. In the event that (for reasons other than the default in the payment of any municipal obligation purchased by the Authority) the investment of amounts in the reserve account established by the Authority for the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond fails to provide sufficient available funds (together with any other funds which may be made available for such purpose) to pay the interest on outstanding bonds of the Authority issued to fund such account, the City shall and hereby agrees to pay on demand only the City's pro rata share (as determined by the Authority) of such deficiency as additional interest on this bond.

This bond is a single, fully-registered, non-convertible bond in the principal sum of $___,000, issued pursuant to and in accordance with Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, Act 175, Public Acts of Michigan 1952, as amended, Act 227, Public Acts of Michigan, 1985, as amended and Act 279, Public Acts of Michigan, 1909, as amended, and pursuant to and in accordance with a Resolution duly adopted by the City Commission of the City on July 6, 2020 and a Sale Order of an Authorized Officer of the City issued on _____, 2020 (collectively, the "Resolution"). The Bonds are issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the acquisition, construction, improvement and equipping of road improvement projects in the City and paying costs of issuance of the Bonds.

[Bonds may be subject to redemption prior to maturity by the City only with the prior written consent of the Authority and on such tenus as may be required by the Authority.]

This bond and the interest hereon are payable from the proceeds of State-collected taxes returned to the City for highway purposes pursuant to law (the "MTF Distributions"), or in case of insufficiency of said funds, out of the general funds of the City, including collections of ad valorem taxes on taxable property which the City may be authorized to levy, subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations. As additional security for the City's obligations to pay this bond, pursuant to Act 227, the City has pledged the MTF Distributions and certain monies in the funds and accounts established by the City with U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, (the "Trustee"), pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Master Debt Retirement Trust Indenture dated as of , 2020, between the City and the Trustee. The Resolution contains an irrevocable appropriation of the amount necessary to pay the principal of and interest on this bond from moneys derived from the MTF Distributions which have not been theretofore specifically allocated and pledged for the payment of indebtedness. The City has reserved the right to issue additional bonds of equal standing and priority of lien as to MTF Distributions with this bond within the limitations prescribed by law.

This bond is not a general obligation of the City or the State of Michigan.

This bond is transferable only upon the registration books of the City by the registered owner of record in person, or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the City duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new registered bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the resolution authorizing this bond and upon the payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law to be done, precedent to and in the issuance of this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one, exist and have been done and performed in regular and due form and time as required by law, and that the total indebtedness of the City, including this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one, does not exceed any constitutional, statutory or charter debt limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Benton Harbor, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, by its City Commission, has caused this bond to be signed in the name of said City with the facsimile signatures of its Mayor and its City Clerk and a facsimile of the City seal to be printed hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

CITY OF BENTON HARBOR

By _____
Its Mayor

(Seal)

By _____
Its City Clerk

SCHEDULE A
Debt Service Payment Schedule*

Date	Maturing Principal	Coupon	Interest	Debt Service	Annual Debt Service

[End of Bond Form]

11. Negotiated Sale. The Bonds shall be sold by negotiated sale to the MFA at prices and on terms and conditions provided in the Purchase Contract approved by the Authorized Officer within the parameters established hereby. Based on recommendation of the City's Municipal Advisor, the Commission hereby determines that a negotiated sale to the MFA will allow the Bonds to be offered to investors in the most efficient manner possible while also allowing sufficient flexibility to adjust to market structuring and timing demands in order to result in the lowest possible borrowing costs for the City.

The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Purchase Contract, and to execute a Sale Order for the Bonds, on behalf of the City without further approval of this City Commission. The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized to execute any Related Documents necessary to effectuate the sale and delivery of the Bonds and the sale and delivery of the MFA bonds to a purchaser or underwriter.

12. Adjustment of Bond Terms. The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized to adjust the final bond details as set forth herein to the extent necessary or convenient to complete the sale of the Bonds and in pursuance of the forgoing is each authorized to exercise the authority and make the determinations pursuant to Sections 315(1)(d) of Act 34, including but not limited to determinations regarding interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, date of issuance, interest payment dates, redemption rights and other matters within the parameters established by this Resolution; provided that the interest on the Bonds shall not exceed 6% per annum, the purchase price on the Bonds shall not be less than 98.0% of the par amount of the Bonds and the underwriter's discount shall not exceed 2.0% of the par amount of the Bonds.

13. Tax Covenant; Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations. The City shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds, and to prevent the Bonds from being or becoming "private activity bonds" as that term is used in Section 141 of the Code.

14. Defeasance. In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier optional redemption, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, shall be deposited in trust, this Resolution shall be defeased and the owners of the Bonds shall have no further rights under this Resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange Bonds as provided herein.

15. Continuing Disclosure. If required by an underwriter, in conformity with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), the City shall enter into an undertaking for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds (the "Undertaking"). The City Manager of the City is hereby appointed as the City's disclosure representative in accordance with the Rule and as such is authorized to execute and deliver the Undertaking on behalf of the City.

16. Authorization of Other Actions. Each Authorized Officer is authorized and directed, to the extent necessary, to (a) if required by an underwriter (i) approve the circulation of a preliminary official statement describing the Bonds and to deem the preliminary official statement "final" for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the SEC and (ii) approve the circulation of a final official statement describing the Bonds and to execute the same on behalf of the City; (b) solicit bids for and approve the purchase of a municipal bond insurance policy for the Bonds; and (c) do all other acts and take all other necessary procedures required to effectuate the sale, issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

Each Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City to take any and all other actions, perform any and all acts and execute any and all documents that shall be required, necessary or desirable to implement this Resolution.

Each Authorized Officer is authorized to file applications with and to pay the related fees, if any, to the Michigan Department of Treasury at his/her discretion under Act 34 for an Order or Orders of Approval to issue all or a portion of the Bonds and for such waivers or other Treasury approvals as necessary to implement the sale, delivery and security for the Bonds, and as required by the Michigan Department of Treasury and Act 34, including but not limited to an application for waiver of the rating requirement for bonds issued in a principal amount exceeding $5,000,000. The Authorized Officer is authorized and directed to pay any post-closing filing fees required by Act 34 to the Michigan Department of Treasury or other specified agency, as a cost of issuance or from other legally available funds.

17. Bond Counsel. The City hereby ratifies and confi1ms the appointment of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. as bond counsel for the Bonds, notwithstanding the periodic representation in unrelated matters of other parties or potential parties to the transaction contemplated by this Resolution, including Robert W. Baird & Co., Incorporated. The fees of bond counsel shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, or other money legally available therefor.

18. Municipal Advisor. The City hereby ratifies and confirms the appointment of Robert W. Baird & Co., Incorporated, to act as its Municipal Advisor with respect to the Bonds. The fees of the Municipal Advisor shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, or other money legally available therefor.

19. Publication of Resolution. A copy of this resolution shall be published in full in the Herald-Palladium once before this resolution becomes effective.

20. Act 34 Notice Posting. The City hereby confirms that the posting required pursuant to Act 34 as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto, was done in clue time and form as required by Act 34.

21. Reimbursement Declarations. The City makes the following declarations for the purpose of complying with the reimbursement rules of Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended:

(a) As of the date hereof, the City reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the expenditures described in (b) below with proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City.

(b) The expenditures described in this paragraph (b) are for the paying of the costs of the Improvements which were paid or will be paid subsequent to sixty (60) clays prior to the date hereof from moneys to be derived from State-collected taxes returned to the City for highway purposes pursuant to Act 175 or the general funds of the City.

(c) The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Improvements, including issuance costs, is $5,000,000.

22. Rescission. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby rescinded.

AYES: Commissioners Edwards, Haralson, Henderson, Henry, Isom, Singleton, Mayor Pro-Tem Srats and Mayor Muhammad

NAYS: Commissioners Adams

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Benton Harbor, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on July 6, 2020, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as temporarily modified by Governor Whitmer's Executive Order No. 2020-110 (COVID-19) and Executive Order No. 2020-129, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
The Improvements

Pipestone Street (major street): Britain Avenue to Main Street (BL-94)

Wall Street/Highland Avenue (major street): Pipestone Street to 4" Street

Michigan Street (local street) South End to Pipestone Street

Vineyard Street (local street): Pipestone Street to End

Maple Street (local street): Pipestone Street to Cedar Street

Waukonda Avenue (major street): Hull Avenue to Stevens Street

Stevens Street (local street): Waukonda Avenue to Riverside Ave

Territorial Rd (local street): Winans St to Forest Ave

Benton St (local street): Highland Ave to Territorial Rd

Highland Ave (local street): Hull Ave to Fair Ave

Nowlen St (local street): Highland Ave to Cass St

BEETLE BAILEY

THIS SAYS, "SOMETIMES IN LIFE, YOU HAVE TO BE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND"
GREG + MORT WALKER
ISN'T THAT YOUR DOG'S JOB?!
OTTO
7/23
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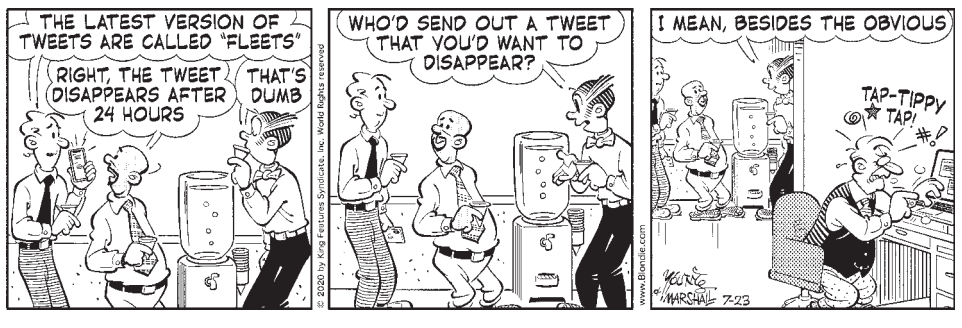
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I MEAN, BESIDES THE OBVIOUS
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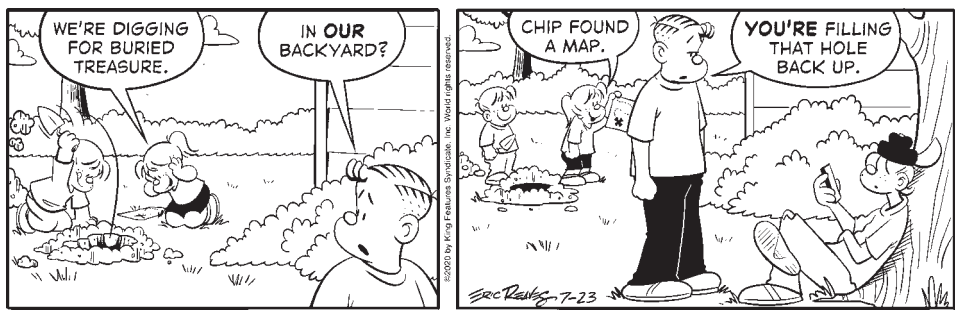
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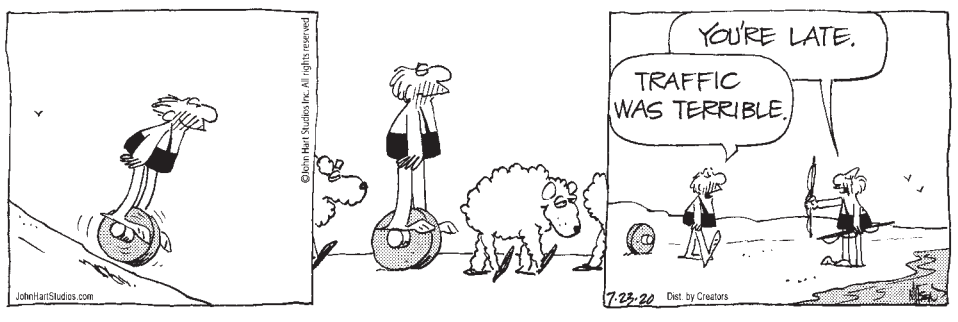

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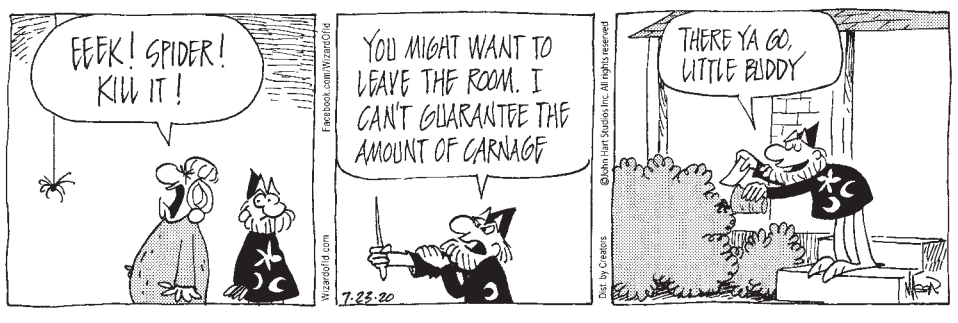
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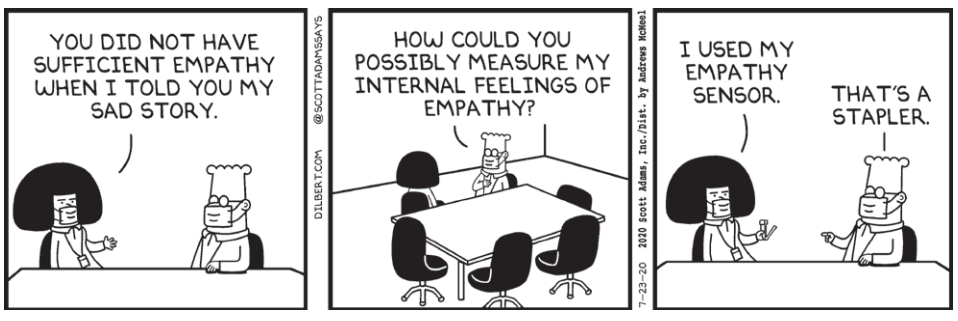
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I USED MY EMPATHY SENSOR.
THAT'S A STAPLER.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
7-23-20 2020 Scott Adams, Inc./Dist. by Andrews McMeel

GARFIELD

GARFIELD...
DO YOU THINK BELL BOTTOMS WILL MAKE A COMEBACK?
NOT IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT
JIM DAVIS 7-23
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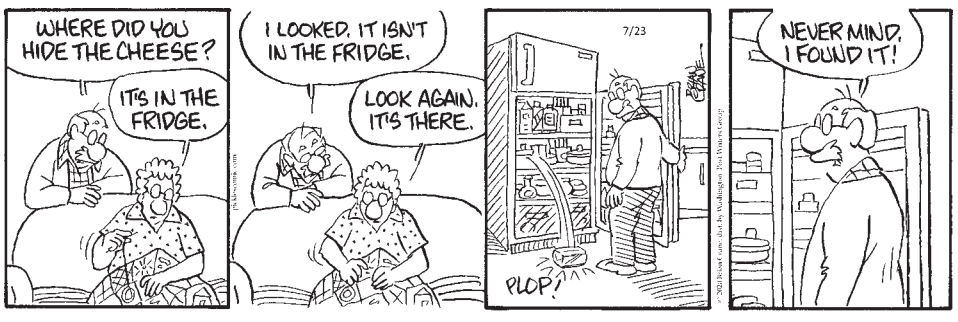
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NEVER MIND. I FOUND IT!

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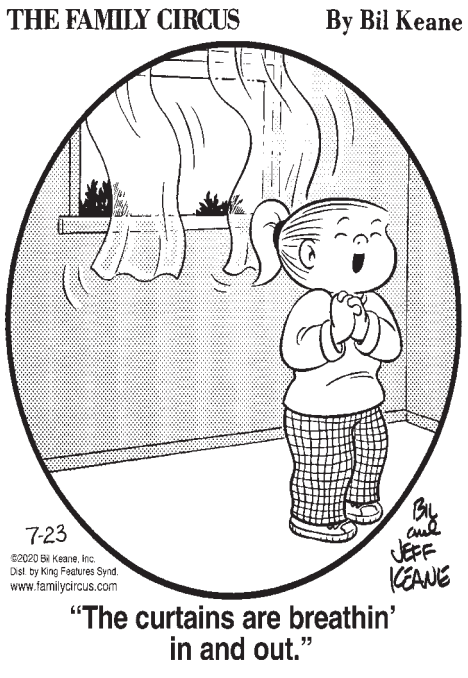

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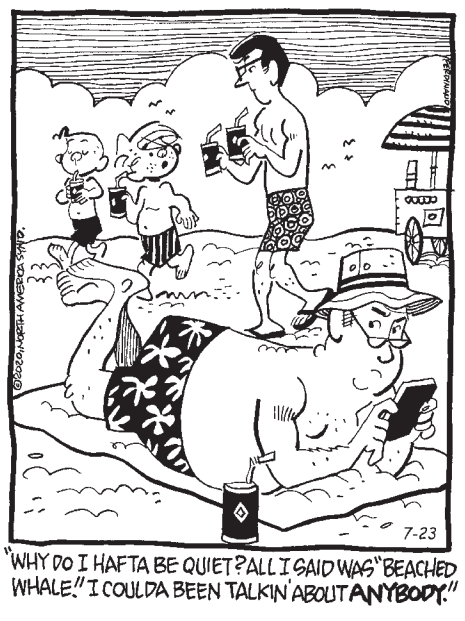

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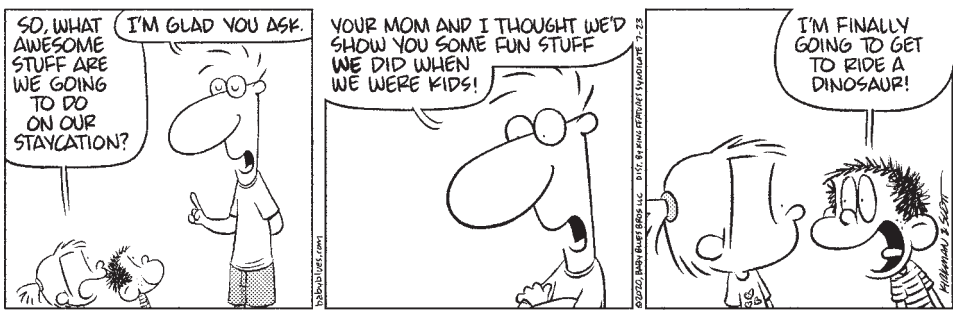
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I'M GLAD YOU ASK.
YOUR MOM AND I THOUGHT WE'D SHOW YOU SOME FUN STUFF WE DID WHEN WE WERE KIDS!
I'M FINALLY GOING TO GET TO RIDE A DINOSAUR!
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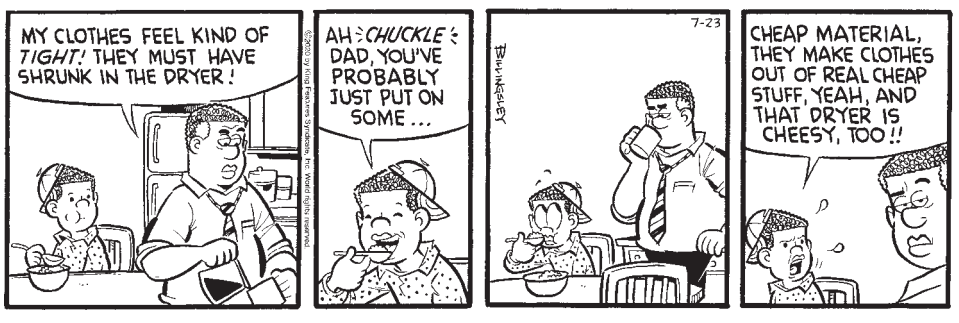
MY CLOTHES FEEL KIND OF TIGHT! THEY MUST HAVE SHRUNK IN THE DRYER!
AH :CHUCKLE: DAD, YOU'VE PROBABLY JUST PUT ON SOME...
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CHEAP MATERIAL, THEY MAKE CLOTHES OUT OF REAL CHEAP STUFF, YEAH, AND THAT DRYER IS CHEESY, TOO!!

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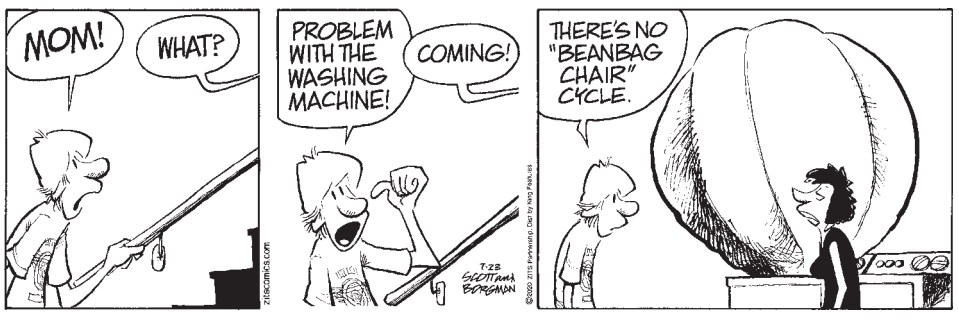

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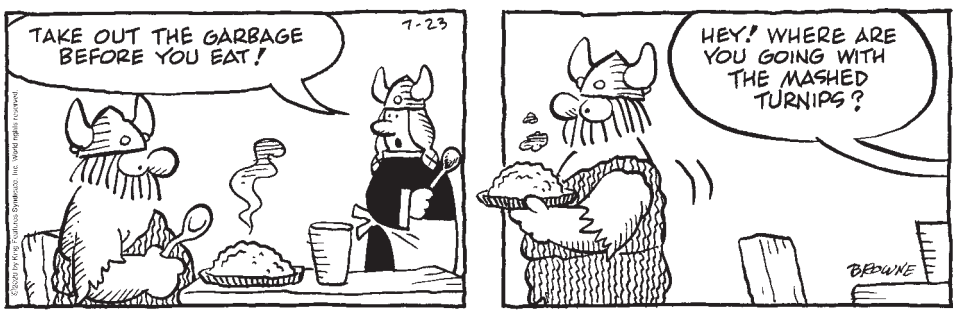

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QUARANTINE ROOM
SNIFF
WE'RE WORRIED SNEEZY MIGHT BE A SUPER SPREADER
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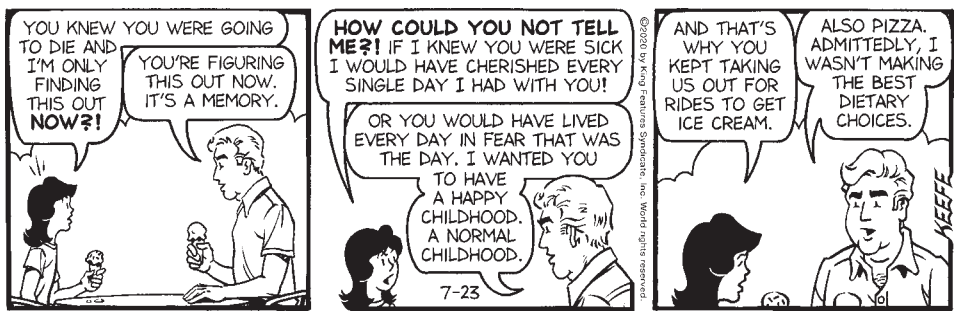
YOU KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO DIE AND I'M ONLY FINDING THIS OUT NOW?!
YOU'RE FIGURING THIS OUT NOW. IT'S A MEMORY.
HOW COULD YOU NOT TELL ME?! IF I KNEW YOU WERE SICK I WOULD HAVE CHERISHED EVERY SINGLE DAY I HAD WITH YOU!
OR YOU WOULD HAVE LIVED EVERY DAY IN FEAR THAT WAS THE DAY. I WANTED YOU TO HAVE A HAPPY CHILDHOOD. A NORMAL CHILDHOOD.
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AND THAT'S WHY YOU KEPT TAKING US OUT FOR RIDES TO GET ICE CREAM.
ALSO PIZZA. ADMITTEDLY, I WASN'T MAKING THE BEST DIETARY CHOICES.
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THIS WEEKEND'S ISSUE

Look for in the Saturday edition

PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING JULY 23

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Holey Moley CC (DVS)		Don't "Don't Parent Trap on National TV"		To Tell the Truth CC (DVS)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	:31 The Unicorn	:01 Mom CC	Mom CC	NCIS: Los Angeles CC (DVS)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Ellen's Game of Games CC		Blindspot "lunne Ennui" (N) CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	Celebrity Watch Party CC (DVS)		Beat Shazam CC (DVS)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	Poldark on Masterpiece George has everything going for him. CC				Antiques Roadshow (N) CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Killer Camp "One in the Eye for the Killer"		Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Call It Macaroni" CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Killer Camp "One in the Eye for the Killer"		Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Love is Just a Word"		Highway to Heaven "Hotel of Dreams"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Spree Killer" CC		The First 48 (N) CC		Court Cam (N)	Court Cam (N)
AMC	📽 ★★ White House Down ('13, Action) Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx. Paramilitary soldiers take over the White House. CC						John Wick ('14)
Animal	Catch	Deadliest Catch "The Widowmaker: Part 1"				Deadliest Catch	
BET	Chroni	Dea. Chronicles		Dea. Chronicles		Dea. Chronicles	
Big Ten	Rutgers	Rutgers		B1G	Rutgers Basketball		Rutgers
Bravo	Housewives	Housewives/NYC		The Real Housewives of New York City (N) CC			Housewives
Cartoon	We Bare	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Mary Queen	📽 ★ Life on the Line ('15, Suspense) John Travolta. CC			:40 📽 ★★★ Rise of the Planet of the Apes ('11) CC		
CMT	Last Man	📽 ★★ Taken 2 ('12) Liam Neeson. CC				The Lincoln Lawyer	
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Homestead	Homestead Rescue "In the Crosshairs" (N) CC					
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Fam Jam	Raven	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby
DIY	Pool	Pool	Pool	Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	Botched CC		Botched CC		Botched CC		Botched
ESPN	MLB Baseball: Yankees at Nationals					MLB Baseball	
ESPN2	World TeamTennis: Breakers at Kastles					TBA	MLS
ESPNC	Boxing	Boxing		Classic-Boxing		MLB Baseball	
Food	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Restaurant: Impossible (N) CC			
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	:00 Tennis Classics Best of 2019 ATP Finals. (N)					Shogun Fights (N)	
Freefrm	5:30 📽 ★★★ The Blind Side ('09)			📽 ★★★ Wonder ('17, Drama) Julia Roberts. A boy who has a facial deformity attends public school. CC			
FX	Daddy's Home 2	📽 ★★★ Blockers ('18, Comedy) Leslie Mann, Ike Barinholtz, John Cena. CC				📽 ★★★ Blockers ('18) Leslie Mann.	
Golf	PGA Tour Golf 3M Open, First Round. CC						
Hallmark	A Christmas Duet	📽 Christmas in Rome ('19, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Sam Page. CC				📽 The Nine Lives of Christmas ('14)	
HBO	REAL Sports	📽 ★★★ Harriet ('19, Biography) Cynthia Erivo, Janelle Monáe. CC				:05 I'll Be Gone in the Dark CC	
History	Mnt. Men	Mountain Men		Mountain Men (N)		:03 Alone "Snared"	
HGTV	Flipping	Flip	Flip	Flip.-America		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Pregnant Husband	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight (N) CC		Married at First Sight (N) CC		:03 Married at First Sight (N) CC	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Double Shot at Love		Revenge	Revenge	Revenge	Revenge
NBCSCH	Baseball	Chicago Blackhawks Rewind (N)				Baseball	Bensinger
NFL	NFL Total	Super Bowl Classics CC				America's Game	
Nick	Sponge.	Ice Age: Cont. Drift		Ice Age: Cont. Drift		Friends	Friends
NGEO	Sharks	When Sharks Attack		When Sharks Attack		Most Wanted Sharks	
Oxygen	:00 Killer Couples	Killer Couples (N) CC		Killer Couples CC		Killer Couples CC	
Parmt	Two Men	📽 ★★ Beverly Hills Cop II ('87) Eddie Murphy.					Get Hard
Showtime	Obvious Child ('14)	Shameless "Summer Loving" CC		On Becoming a God in Central Florida		The Chi "Terror Town" CC	
Starz	6:58 📽 ★★ Meet the Fockers ('04) Robert De Niro. CC			8:56 📽 ★★ Think Like a Man ('12) Michael Ealy, Jerry Ferrara. CC			
STZENC	:20 📽 ★★ Little Man ('06, Comedy) Shawn Wayans. CC			📽 ★ Jack and Jill ('11, Comedy) Adam Sandler. CC			:33 📽 The Mask
SyFy	6:15 📽 ★★ Clash of the Titans		📽 ★★★ The Bourne Identity ('02) Matt Damon. An amnesiac agent is marked for death after a botched hit.				
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lost Resort (Series (P)) (N) CC	
TCM	6:00 📽 Mr. Love	📽 ★★★ Camelot ('67) Richard Harris, Vanessa Redgrave. Adaptation of the Lerner-Loewe musical about King Arthur. CC					
TMC	Murder-Nicole	📽 ★★ Captive State ('19, Science Fiction) John Goodman, Ashton Sanders. CC				📽 ★ An Acceptable Loss ('18) CC	
TNT	:00 Bones	NBA on TNT (N)		📽 ★★ San Andreas ('15) CC (DVS)			
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	John Wick 2	Cannonball "Dare to Cannonball" (N)		Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
VH1	Next Frdy	📽 ★ Friday After Next ('02) Ice Cube.				Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met

New relationship founders on sharing of offensive video

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: A casual friend sent me a video of a comic doing a very lewd and vulgar routine. I was offended by it and forwarded it to my girlfriend to find out what she thought about it. She got very upset and told me I was being disrespectful to her by even passing it on to her. I should add that we met online and have been talking on the phone with each other for only a month during this shelter-in-place time.

This incident nearly ended our new relationship. Was I wrong to send her the video? And what should I do now to save what I think is the most wonderful relationship I have ever had in my life? – No Laughing Matter

DEAR NO LAUGHING: Before sending the video, you should have warned your new girlfriend that it was vulgar and asked if she wanted to see it, which would have given her the opportunity to refuse. What you should do now is apologize for having offended her and tell her how much you value your relationship with her. Then cross your fingers that she still feels the same.

DEAR ABBY: My wife had some health issues over the last four years and gained 40 pounds. She keeps saying she wants to lose the weight, but doesn't do anything about it. Her blood pressure is high, so she needs to do it. When I try to bring it up, she gets mad and always mentions the health issues. But those issues are now totally behind her. What can I do or say to get her going again? – Full Of Concern In New Jersey

DEAR FULL: Tell your wife you don't mean to come across as a nag, but you are worried because of her blood pressure issue. She is far from the only person who procrastinates when faced with changing one's lifestyle.

Many folks are overindulging now because of the challenge of social isolation. Something that might benefit you both would be to encourage her to get out and start walking with you on a regular basis. And drop the subject of weight for now. Take it up again once your lives begin to normalize and she may be less defensive.

DEAR ABBY: My college-age daughter, "Dahlia," refuses to take seriously the social distancing necessary to control the spread of COVID-19, even though her college, like many others, has closed. She says it's all overblown, even though her father and I are older and she has a pregnant sister at home.

Dahlia is young, and she thinks she's invincible. I think my daughter is selfish for not caring about anyone else. What can I say to her? – Following The Rules In West Virginia

DEAR FOLLOWING: Many people still are having trouble accepting the fact that we are all at risk because of an invisible and silent "enemy," COVID-19. Because you are unable to get through to Dahlia, assert yourself as the adult in the household and establish some rules to protect yourself, your husband, your pregnant daughter and your unborn grandchild. First among them: Dahlia must follow the government guidelines regarding social distancing, handwashing, etc. or find another place to live.

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I'm pregnant, lonely and brokenhearted

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: My fiance and I parted ways after he admitted he never wanted children. I've always wanted kids, so we made the gut-wrenching decision to break up. During this time, I cried and told him I probably would never find anyone to love me and have children with me. My fiance compassionately agreed to help me get pregnant, provided we would not be a couple and he would give up his parental rights once the baby was born. We stayed together another few months until I got pregnant, then dealt with the fallout of breaking up again.

I'm now pregnant, lonely and seeing my former partner on social media with his new love, which is stabbing me in the heart. I know this is what I wanted, but I can't help but feel he didn't love me enough to stay around. Please help me. I feel so lost and alone and I don't know what to do. – Pregnant and Lonely

PREGNANT AND LONELY: Oh my.

OK.

There are some fallacies here, big ones, so let's dispense with them upfront.

"(H)e didn't love me enough to stay around." False – he just didn't want kids enough.

But if that's not persuasive: YOU didn't love HIM enough to stay around – because you had that option, too. His was to stay with you and have kids he didn't want; yours was to stay with him and not have kids you wanted.

Same-freaking-same. You're even. OK? OK.

Next: "I cried and told him I probably would never find anyone." I can't *prove* that's false, but it was certainly post-breakup-sobspeak. You have no idea what life will bring so "never" is a fallacy just waiting to become official.

Next: "My fiance compassionately agreed to help me get pregnant." I'm sure he felt compassion, but whether the decision was compassionate is . . . complicated. Not that your child won't be loved and valued – it's just that solving the one problem created an acute other problem (or problems).

Next: "seeing my former partner on social media with his new love is stabbing me in the heart"? The fallacy here is that seeing him (anyone) on social media is necessary. You don't have to! Self-torture is optional, so opt! out! Block, cancel, quit.

Once you clear all of these falsehoods out, you might be instantly unlost. Clear out the idea that he didn't love you; clear out that you're unlovable; clear out social-media self-flagellation, at least until you feel better. Consider that this "compassionate" act of his introduced complexities you didn't foresee and would be wise now to sort out with a therapist and an attorney (rights issues aren't quite so easy).

Replace all of these with the following truths as your beacon: The breakup will hurt less over time, and you're going to be a mom. Everything you do from now on can be streamlined to these two things: what will help you recover, and what will help you be a good mom. Call in whatever reinforcements you have at the ready, be they friends, family, sought-out (therapist, doctor, prenatal yoga instructor, single-parent support, etc.) or on-hand, and focus on whatever helps you get well and get ready.

All breakups feel painful and lonely. Trust you'll heal because that's what we're built to do.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Pours out
6 Give, as a price
11 Math term
12 White ribbon place
13 Kiosks
15 Ransacked
16 Whipped cream serving
18 Upper atmosphere
19 CBS rival
21 Assist
22 Zhivago's love
23 Ode or haiku
25 Go by plane
28 Sharp
30 Head movement
31 Thai neighbor
32 Tai — chuan
33 201, to Cato
35 Use steel wool
37 Over there
38 Slime
40 Impolite
41 Van — Waals force
42 Pass near Pikes Peak
43 Sharpen a cheddar
46 Propels a bicycle
48 It joins the Euphrates
50 Steeped
54 Please greatly
55 Honor greatly
56 D.C. consumer advocate
57 Play possum

DOWN
1 Near-grads
2 Reassure Rover
3 Frat letter
4 Feral animal
5 Go it alone
6 Swab brand (hyph.)
7 TV band
8 Rembrandt paintings
9 Expedition
10 Nelson — of old musicals
14 Give a high-five
15 Bronco-riding event
17 Gave celebrity status
19 Cheesy snack
20 Boston hockey player
22 Frilly
24 JAMA subscribers
25 Break the rules
26 Summa cum — 27 Nostalgic time
29 Kind of system
34 Secret messages
36 Work for a cause
39 Distinct periods
43 Pharaoh's god
44 Arizona river
45 Hoople expletive
46 Jetty
47 Be idle
49 Road map no.
51 Garden pond fish
52 Physics unit
53 Lair

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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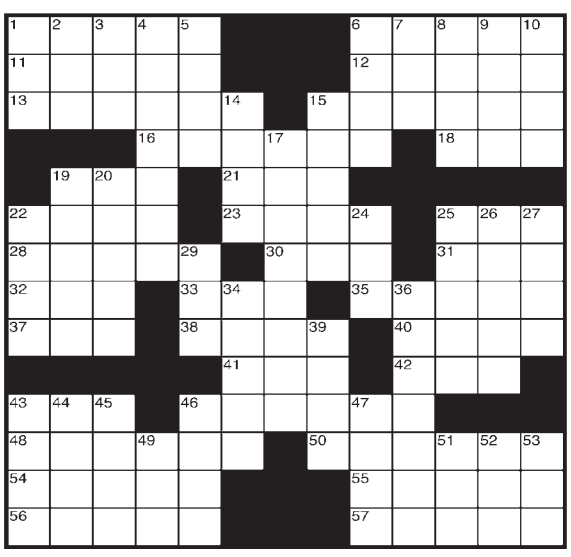

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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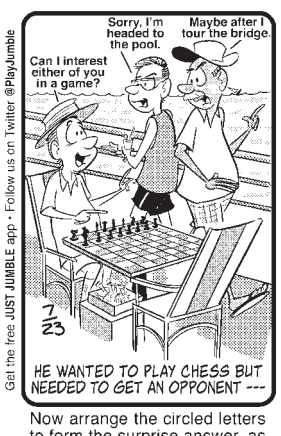
YOEGO

NLEDAT

RBYEAK


Sorry, I'm headed to the pool.
Maybe after I tour the bridge.
Can I interest either of you in a game?
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HE WANTED TO PLAY CHESS BUT NEEDED TO GET AN OPPONENT

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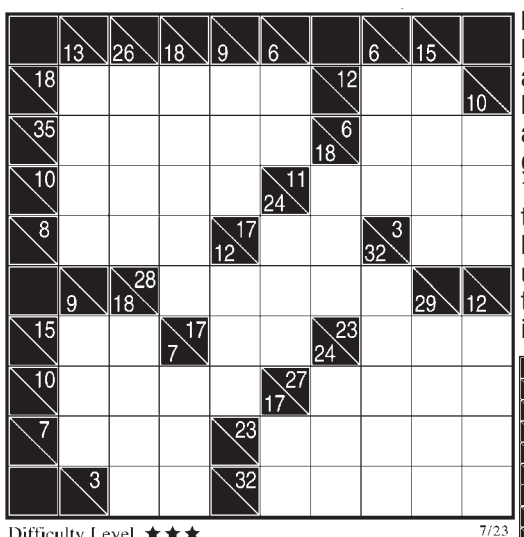
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: ◯◯ ◯◯◯◯◯◯

(Answers tomorrow)

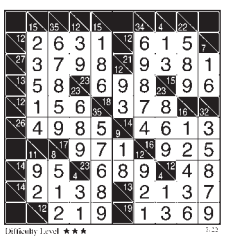
Yesterday's Jumbles: VENUE BEEFY ICONIC VANISH
Answer: She didn't plan on purchasing a lottery ticket, but did it — "BUY" CHANCE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/23

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Charles Schwab said, "All successful employers are stalking men who will do the unusual, men who think, men who attract attention by performing more than is expected of them."

He could have said that all successful bridge players are stalking men or women ... et cetera.

What is the unusual play needed in this deal? South is in four spades. West starts with his three top diamonds. After ruffing the last, how should declarer continue?

In the auction, North used a support double, which enjoys considerable popularity with tournament players. It showed exactly three cards in partner's suit and any hand strength. If instead North had raised spades, it would have guaranteed four trumps. (Note that the double must be made below two of responder's major.)

It is easy to be careless in this contract. There seem to be 11 winners: five spades, one heart and five clubs. Just in case East has jack-fourth of spades, many players would cash their spade king and play a spade to dummy's ace. But when East discards, suddenly the contract cannot be made (as the heart finesse loses). If South turns to the clubs, West ruffs the third round and plays his last trump. There is no dummy entry left.

Instead, South should cash the spade king and spade queen. If everyone follows, he draws the last trump and claims an overtrick. Here, though, he switches to clubs. West may ruff in, but the spade ace is still on the board as the entry card to the last two club winners.

North 07-23-20
♠ A 6 2
♥ 7 4
♦ 7 5 4
♣ A K Q 6 3

West
♠ J 9 7 3
♥ K 5
♦ A K Q 10 9
♣ 9 7

East
♠ 8
♥ J 10 9 8 6 3
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 8 5 2

South
♠ K Q 10 5 4
♥ A Q 2
♦ J 2
♣ J 10 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		1♣	Pass
1♠	2♦	Dbl.	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

8	6	7	4	5	9	3	2	1
9	2	4	7	3	1	5	8	6
5	3	1	6	8	2	7	9	4
2	5	8	3	1	4	9	6	7
1	4	3	9	7	6	2	5	8
7	9	6	5	2	8	1	4	3
4	7	9	2	6	3	8	1	5
6	1	5	8	9	7	4	3	2
3	8	2	1	4	5	6	7	9

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IN BRIEF

SJ Municipal Band to feature flute octet

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph Municipal Band will premiere its next virtual performance on YouTube at noon Sunday.

The concert will open with the band playing Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's "Procession of the Nobles."

The band will then feature a flute octet performing "Satin Doll" by Duke Ellington. Members Charlotte Burch, Betania Canas, Christina Gibson, Grayling Hawkins, Denall Miller, Meredy Roorda, Jan Street and Wendy Willis will perform.

The band will conclude the show with "Sedona" by Steven Reineke.

The virtual performances, coordinated by Director Donald Moely, will continue throughout the 2020 season.

For more information, and links to past performances, visit sjcity.com/band.

Singers to present singalong on July 30

THREE OAKS — Harbor Country Singers will host their second summer singalong at 6:30 p.m. July 30 at the Arts & Education Center, 14 Maple St. All are invited to join in.

The rain date is 6:30 p.m. Aug. 6.

The singalong will feature popular Broadway songs like "There's No Business Like Show Business" from "Annie Get Your Gun," "Sunrise, Sunset" from "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Getting to Know You" from "The King and I."

School of American Music guitar instructor Ron Spears will provide accompaniment. Other guitarists are invited to bring their instruments and play along.

Pat Putnam and Donna Mitchell will lead the singing.

Harbor Country Singers will follow social distancing guidelines for the event, and will provide face shields on request. Sanitized chairs from the Arts & Education Center will be available, or attendees can bring their own lawn chairs.

HCS will distribute music and lyrics, but the ability to read music is not required to participate.

SH Theatre Series planning for 2021

SOUTH HAVEN — Times and dates have yet to be set, but the South Haven Theatre Series has set a tentative lineup for its 2021 season.

Following a canceled 2020 season, the series plans to present these shows next year:

- "An Evening with Teddy Roosevelt" with Joe Wiegand portraying the former president
- "Warm Cheese," a humorous play with Teresa Thome
- "Sojourner Truth: The Legacy Lives On" with Sandra Jones portraying the famed abolitionist
- "Grounded" with Gwendolyn Whiteside playing an F-16 fighter pilot who becomes pregnant and shifts to drone piloting

For more information, visit southhaventheatreseries.org.

Bridgman library announces events

BRIDGMAN — Bridgman Public Library, 4460 Lake St., will host a series of events next month.

At 7 p.m. Aug. 5, Edward Jones financial adviser Doug Wall will present "Saving for Retirement" via Zoom. A link to the event is available on the library's website.

Attendees will learn about the different types of accounts for saving, and how taxes affect their retirement plans.

At 7 p.m. Aug. 11, also via Zoom, Andrew Nowicki will present "Backyard Wildlife."

He will focus on how to best experience backyard animals, and why they do some of the things they do.

At noon on Fridays during August, the library will host Music on the Patio. Weather permitting, it will be live music.

For more information, visit www.bridgmanlibrary.com or call 465-3663.

One11 Gallery opens '[RE] FORM' exhibit

By DAVID JOHNSON
For The Herald-Palladium

THREE OAKS — Three Oaks has a new gallery and event venue in a familiar place.

One11 Gallery + Events, 111 N. Elm St., is located across Generations Drive from The Acorn Theater in the old Warren Featherbone Factory boiler room, which recently was part of Jim & Merlyn's Mercantile.

Curator Thomas Pauly said the new exhibit on display, "[RE] FORM," features 3D works by John T. Upchurch and photographs by James Clemenson.

Upchurch uses found items, such as metal from street cleaning brushes, to create his works. Clemenson arranges a variety of found objects into patterns for his photos.

Pauly said the artists met on Instagram and thought they should do a show together. He learned of their art from Blue Moon Vintage Market.

An artist himself, Pauly has A Drawing Room at 9 N. Elm St., which features his race horse art.

One11 Gallery is open from noon-6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and noon-4 p.m. Sundays.

Pauly said he plans to partner with Classic Catering when the gallery is used as an event space.

For more information on One11 Gallery, including event space information, call 773-208-7801.

BUCHANAN

Photo provided

Buchanan District Library staff members Sarah Gault and Daniel Perrine hold ukuleles that were donated to the library by Ohana Music in California.

Library to offer 'Library of Things'

BUCHANAN — Books, audiobooks, games and movies will soon be joined by a wide variety of nontraditional library items for patrons to check out at Buchanan District Library, 128 E. Front St.

"This is a natural extension of what libraries already do, and will allow us to better meet the needs of our patrons," Library Director Meg Paulette said in a news release. "A 'Library of Things' is a way for our community to share resources and expand the boundaries of what a library usually offers."

The Library of Things will offer items such as tools, musical instruments, framed art and outdoor equipment.

Adult patrons in good standing with the library will be able to check out these materials the same as they would books.

Library of Things items will become available in August. Purchasing is underway, and is supported in part by grant funds from the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation.

The library received the first items for its Library of Things in March, right before it shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Six ukuleles were donated to the library from Ohana Music in Long Beach, Calif.

"It was very exciting to get the ukuleles in the mail, and very hard to wait so long to make them available for checkout," Paulette said. "Obviously the last few months changed many of our plans, but we're happy to be moving forward again."

For more information and updates on the Library of Things, visit www.buchananlibrary.org.

Krasl Art Center receives $93,000 in funding from arts council

ST. JOSEPH — The Krasl Art Center recently received $93,000 in grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Funding includes $2,580 in federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and $3,000 of Emergency Relief Funds due to COVID-19.

$20,000 will support operations, including administrative costs, facility usage, travel, marketing, publicity and promotion, and artistic expenses.

A $70,000 capital improvement grant will support expanded public, programmable space on the Krasl's main floor.

Grant funds allowed the KAC to renovate an old office into a multi-function community lounge, update fixtures and furnishing to enhance guest experience in the museum shop and new lounge, and update track lighting on the main floor.

Organizations receiving MCACA grants are required to match the funds with other public and private money. KAC seeks to raise $100,000 for the matching grants by September. Gifts will be matched dollar for dollar by each MCACA grant – up to $100,000.

In Berrien County, eight grants were awarded by the MCACA for a total of $207,916, out of the $341,322 requested. The MCACA peer review process allows each grant application to be considered by a panel of arts and cultural professionals. This ensures the taxpayers, who support this project through legislative appropriations, and visitors have access to the highest quality arts and cultural experiences.

Purchases made at The Shop at KAC support the Krasl Art Center and regional artists. Visit krasl.org/shop for a list of artists available in The Shop.

Don Campbell / HP file photo

SMC creates new nursing endowment

DOWAGIAC — A $2,500 gift to Southwestern Michigan College has created the Ernie Kurdys and Jeff Mathis Nursing Endowment.

Scholarships from the endowment will be earmarked for students in SMC's nursing program. In addition, Kurdys and Mathis have set up their estates so SMC is one of the beneficiaries of a planned gift.

Neither of the Dowagiac men is a nurse, according to a news release, but both worked in health facilities and feel grateful for the care nurses provided.

"We don't give nurses enough credit for care," said Mathis, an Elkhart native. "It's our way to pay it forward. We hope by our doing this it will encourage more people to take a look at planned giving."

Mathis worked for 25 years at Northern Indiana State Developmental Center, which closed in 1999. The facility was established in South Bend, Ind., in 1950, to care for children with polio.

As the need for polio care declined, the hospital started caring for mentally disabled children. It later transitioned into caring for developmentally disabled children across Northern Indiana.

Mathis is a U.S. Army veteran who served in security in Japan and Turkey from 1966-70. He studied at Indiana University South Bend.

Kurdys, a former Vandalia resident who suffered polio as a boy, served in the U.S. Navy. He has served on the Cass County Board of Canvassers.

Kurdys, who retired from St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend, credits a nurse with intervening when he experienced complications during open-heart surgery.

With challenges nursing and health care providers face from the coronavirus, "we wanted to do our share," Kurdys said in the release, "and to support SMC's excellent program."

SMC's foundation accepts contributions to existing scholarships in addition to establishing new scholarships and planned estate gifts.

Donations can be directed to: SMC Foundation, Director of Development, 58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047.

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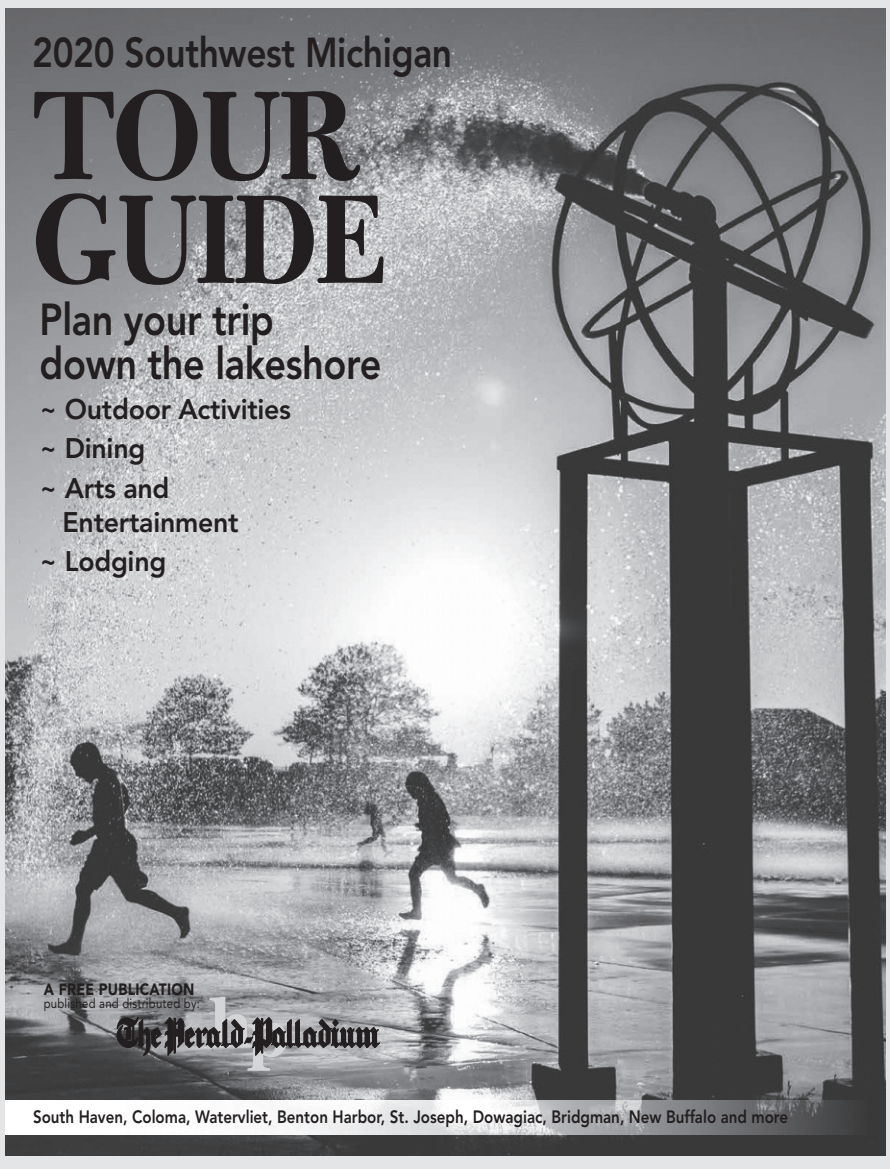

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Serious police reform is needed

Words matter. Truth matters. Black lives matter. Honesty in communication matters. Independent thinking rather than parroting others matters. And admitting we are not always right matters – if one wants to live in some semblance of peace.

Melinda Stibal
Opinion Maker

The controversy over reshaping funding for police systems, given the stories and videos of atrocities gone viral over recent months, demands attention. For decades educational practices and educators have been demonized by the public for failing to educate all children effectively in all situations while evidence of unwarranted murderous behavior on the part of too many blue-clad keepers of the peace across the nation shouts for police reform. In spite of this honest outrage, a huge counter-protest on social media against any such action is now underway as if police can do no wrong.

Compare local voting in recent decades for added support of police and fire services to votes for increased funding for local schools. No contest for the former and no-go much of the time for the latter. Voting records across the country reflect the disdain for school improvement and the automatic approval of police and fire protection requests. Not that it's unneeded, but the perception is that force and power are more effective in keeping the country safe than fairly funded schools for prevention of poverty and the crime that follows it.

This version of fear-mongering is wearing our citizenry down in part because too many people avoid thinking seriously about what is being said and buy into the abuse. I am reminded of a friend who once confided to me that as a youth he was let off the hook by local police several times because he was who he was, the implication being that rescuing him from discipline had not been helpful. Of course he is white.

The police have now become a romanticized entity, not to be questioned. They, too, need oversight and new insight into the tough problems they face every day coupled with courage to speak up when there is injustice. Power over another being is intoxicating and subject to abuse.

Good training including some role-playing that highlights the temptation to protect one's errant colleagues would seem to be essential. But sound training that is not internalized by the trainee is worthless, and I admit that calling out a colleague is difficult at best. Police training and local police department culture can provide opposing values. Buying into a culture that values *all* people is not easily accomplished.

Have you seen the commercial that issues blatant and graphic accusations suggesting that a Democrat president would disembowel our needed policing agencies? It is a disgustingly dishonest characterization of police reform. Policing is still needed with new definitions of how, when, where and what. Thus, some of the monies formerly used for policing need to be diverted to programs that will help children and youth before they turn to crime. Educational equality that addresses poverty, community organizers and more on-the-job vocational training opportunities are needed. Much of what is essential doesn't involve actual crime and punishment.

Why is it that in these United States of America, rightfully referred to in former days as the most admirable country in the world, there are huge numbers of people who believe our beloved country has been perfect in all things throughout history? Magical thinking, the latest catchphrase, applies here. Or just call it non-thinking. The fact that we are on a fast track to awareness that there have been more than a few huge errors accomplished by men and women who thought they were doing their best for the county should be seen as an opportunity.

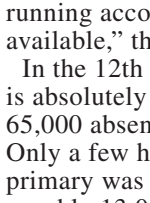
Let's admit to the many people, laws and institutions that chose to forget about liberty and justice for all in favor of personal fame and fortune. The history books do need to be rewritten to include the many minorities who helped build this country as well as the many who were abused in the process. Using bogus treaties to force Native Americans from their home places to less desirable territories, depriving them of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is just one case in point that describes the white man's ongoing mantra claiming dominance. The days of thinking of others as less than ourselves are gone.

Melinda Stibal lives in Coloma. Her email address is: 2mstibals@comcast.net.

The many dangers of voting by mail

President Trump has said many times that voting by mail – which will play a big role in this November's presidential election – is vulnerable to fraud. "There is tremendous evidence of fraud whenever you have mail-in ballots," Trump has noted. The November election, he added, "will be, in my opinion, the most corrupt election in the history of our country."

Byron York



Democrats and many in the press have pushed back hard. Trump's claims are "false" and "baseless" and "preposterous" and "debunked," they said. Voting by mail is safe and reliable.

But the fight over fraud could be a distraction from a very real and serious danger of voting by mail. The country has just seen some very troubling examples of massive dysfunction in elections in which voting by mail played a big role. If anything like that happens in even a few states in November, there would be big trouble.

Recently, The New York Times published a story, "3 Weeks After Primary, N.Y. Officials Still Can't Say Who Won Key Races." The article outlined enormous difficulties with voting by mail in three congressional races – New York's 12th, 15th and 16th congressional districts.

"The absentee ballot count – greatly inflated this year after the state expanded the vote-by-mail option because of the coronavirus pandemic – has been painstakingly slow, and hard to track, with no running account of the vote totals available," the Times reported.

In the 12th district, the situation is absolutely crazy. There were 65,000 absentee ballots in the race. Only a few have been counted – the primary was June 23. But 1 in 5 – roughly 13,000 ballots – have been disqualified for various reasons. The leader's margin is 648 votes at the moment.

Of course, there are lawsuits. One candidate has taken the Board of Elections to federal court, seeking an order that all ballots mailed by June 30 – one week after election day – be counted, whether or not they have a postmark. The losers, of course, will cry that voters were "disenfranchised" by rules on when vote-by-mail ballots have to be received.

Now, imagine these problems in a presidential election, with the white-hot passions it will create. Say, just for the sake of argument, that there is not even a hint of fraud in the vote counting. But if there are important areas where very few votes have been counted three weeks after Election Day, where there is no way to track which votes have been counted and which haven't, and there is great confusion about how the job will ever get done – well, that will be a huge problem. Chaos could descend, with no resolution of the presidential election. In the absence of a reliable vote total, both candidates might proclaim victory.

"Americans might spend Christmas wondering which self-claimed president-elect will prevail in court," warned The Wall Street Journal editorial page.

It is something to be deeply concerned about, whether or not one believes vote-by-mail is susceptible to fraud. Recent primaries have shown beyond any doubt that it is susceptible to crippling dysfunction, and that is bad enough. (And of course, there are allegations of fraud – four men have been charged in connection with May's special election in Paterson, New Jersey, after hundreds of ballots were found in a mailbox there.)

Meanwhile, a new ABC News/Washington Post poll shows the public has great doubts about voting by mail. To the question "How would you prefer to vote in the presidential election – by mail or in person?" 59 percent of respondents said in person, while just 38 percent said by mail. Then pollsters asked, "Do you think mail-in voting is vulnerable to significant levels of fraud or do you think it has adequate protections against significant levels of fraud?" Forty-nine percent said it is vulnerable to fraud, while 43 percent said it has adequate protections (7 percent had no opinion).

People are right to be worried. When someone tells you that voting by mail is nothing to worry about, be skeptical.

Byron York is a columnist for The Washington Examiner.

LETTERS

Whitmer's leadership has saved lives

Editor,

I am proudly wearing my T-shirt today, the one that says, "I stand with 'that woman from Michigan.'"

"That woman" has earned the state an A and the top ranking of all 50 states in how well the state has responded to the coronavirus pandemic (TruePeopleSearch Insights https://www.truepeoplesearch.com/insights/).

PeopleSearch analyzed publicly available data to determine which states handled the virus best, using seven criteria:

- Weekly change in new cases per million residents
- Cases per 1 million
- Deaths per 1 million
- Tests per 1 million
- Reaction time to issue stay-at-home orders
- Reaction time to close schools
- Reaction time to close bars and restaurants

The top five states and their grades are 1. Michigan, A; 2. New Mexico, B+;3. Vermont, B; 4. Illinois B-; 5. Kentucky, B-. The five worst states are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, South Carolina, and Florida.

While it may be an inconvenience to stay home and to wear a mask when out, we should stop and think about the neighbor whose 30-year-old son died from COVID-19 or the friend whose husband is still recovering. Without the swift bold action of Gov. Whitmer, we would have lost many more. I stand with her.

Naomi Ludman
Dowagiac

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Tougher penalty needed for masks

Editor,

Wearing a mask should be done during these uncertain times. And, yes it should be the law at this time. However, with any dollar-amount fine it is not only counterproductive, it puts police officers in a bad light.

OK, business owners can tell customers they are not welcome in without a mask. That is the law. That's fine. It takes a police officer to offer an arrest, and this law is a warning, not a charge for an arrest.

A dollar fine is not a deterrent, it is ridiculous. Many laws are being changed at this time. Let's not let this law esculate anger toward an officer. Let it be a move toward cooperation and compassion between officers and offenders.

Milt Zoschke
St. Joseph

Yarbrough works hard for constituents

Editor,

I am writing to endorse Mamie Yarbrough for her next term as the Berrien County commissioner for District 4 (City of Benton Harbor and portions of Benton Charter Township).

I have known Mamie Yarbrough for over 10 years and have, as an interested citizen, watched her work on the county board, where she is currently the chair of the Finance Committee and was formerly vice chair of the county board. She is very active and hardworking, and she has good relationships with her fellow commissioners.

She is a lifelong Benton Harbor resident and a graduate of Benton Harbor High School.

Mamie has been a longstanding member of the Berrien County Democratic Party and has worked effectively with the party.

I have come to know and admire her intelligence, honesty and hard work. She cares deeply about her constituents and about all of the people of Berrien County.

I urge the voters of Benton Harbor and District 4 to vote for Mamie – experience, commitment and leadership.

Eric Lester
St. Joseph

Wendzel deserves another term

Editor,

Rebuilding after COVID is going to be a herculean task. Small businesses that have been staples of our community and the largest employment sector of our economy enduring being forced to shutter their doors, consumer confidence was shaken, and with multiple state emergency declarations and an an endless number of executive orders from our governor, nobody quite knows when things will end, let alone ever return to what we remember as "normal." Whenever that may be, I do know one thing for certain. I want Rep. Pauline Wendzel in our corner as decisions are made in Lansing.

Since the start of the pandemic, Rep. Wendzel has argued for a thoughtful and common-sense approach to fighting this virus. Her pragmatism landed her an appointment to the House Republican task force whose job it was to craft a plan for a post-COVID Michigan and develop plans for safely re-opening our economy. As someone who comes from a family business, Rep. Wendzel has first-hand experience that helped her develop recommendations for her task force.

In addition to her real-world experience, Rep. Wendzel, like any good representative, reached out to her community for additional feedback. She participated in a joint conference call with the Cornerstone Alliance and Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce. She hosted a tele-town hall, and she has been reaching out to individual small business owners like me all across our community.

To adapt to a post-COVID world, Michigan will need bold new ideas to re-build our state. Rep. Wendzel is the vibrant and dynamic person we need in our state capitol making sure Berrien County has a strong voice in the decision-making process. She has served us well during her first term, which is why in the Aug. 4 Republican primary, I'm voting to re-elect Wendzel. Michigan will need bold leadership, and Wendzel will deliver for our community.

Mark Lemoine
Benton Harbor

Dangerous times call for bold leadership

Editor,

Recently I was watching an episode of the reality show "Deadliest Catch" on the Discovery Channel. In the middle of the night on the Bering Sea, Capt. Sig Hansen found himself in a potentially very dangerous situation, one which he had not encountered before even after decades of experience. An electrical fire had broken out below deck causing the boat to lose all power. So here they were in total darkness, the crab fishermen and the captain, floating around the ocean seemingly helpless, waiting for instructions from the captain on what to do. Now was the time for Capt. Sig to take charge and make the tough decisions of exactly what he needed to do in order to not lose his boat and more importantly, his crew. He did just that and everyone on board was saved.

In a similar way US Airways Flight 1549, piloted by First Officer Jeffrey Skiles, took off from New York as it had done many times before. After hitting the Canada geese and losing power in both engines, Capt. Chesley Sullenberger announced that he was taking control of the aircraft. He also encountered a situation that he had not ever previously faced before in his long career in aviation. While assuming total responsibility for his passengers and crew, he made the tough decision of what to do. The only option was an emergency water landing in the Hudson River, one which was met with amazement and awe as he saved everyone on board.

So now here we are as Americans finding ourselves in an unprecedented moment in the midst of a global pandemic, waiting for directions from our commander-in-chief of what we should do. However this time it's not a boat or a plane, it's our nation. Mr. President, we are still waiting.

Susan Balco
Benton Harbor

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Election letters

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OBITUARIES

Timothy J. Munday II

Jan. 8, 1991 – July 19, 2020

Timothy J. Munday II, 29, of Sodus suddenly passed away on July 19, 2020.

Tim was born on Jan. 8, 1991, in Berrien Center, to Timothy and Laura Munday.

Tim is survived by his mother, Laura Munday of Sodus; and his father, Timothy J. (Laura) Munday. He is also survived by the love of his life, Stephanie "Georgie" Bowers, and their son, Timothy J. Munday III, and Ben and Kendal Brockus; his brother, Travis (Christine) Munday of Galien; grandparents, Bob (Judy) Munday of Stevensville and Brian Drake of Lowell; aunts, Kerri Drake of LaPorte, Pam Phillips of Three Oaks and Ellen (Jeremy) Wozniak of New Carlisle; nieces, Erica, Zoey and Laura; and cousins: Justin, Megan, Trista, Tera, Marena, Abigail and Dylan.

Tim worked at Villwocks Landscaping. He enjoyed playing pool and had joined the APA Pool League. All who knew Tim were familiar with his desire to play music as loud as possible. You would also know that Tim was a person who gave of himself to help others. Tim had made the courageous decision to be an organ donor. This selfless act will help out possibly hundreds of people needing assistance.

Tim loved Georgie and his son, Tim, with all his heart. They and Tim's family ask you to join them at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 25, in Arthur Dodd Memorial Park, 61437 Creek Road, Niles, to celebrate Tim's life.

Online condolences, messages and shared memories may be directed to the family at www.halbritterwickens.com.

Memorials in Tim's name may be directed to Autistic Self Advocacy Network at https://autisticadvocacy.org.

Arrangements have been made at Halbritter Wickens Funeral Services, 615 E. Main St., Niles.

Gracie L. Holliday

Aug. 28, 1940 – July 16, 2020

Gracie L. Holliday, 79, of Oak Park, Mich., formerly of Benton Harbor departed this life July 16, 2020.

A private service will be held. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Gracie was born Aug. 28, 1940, the daughter of the late Mosby and Letha Yarbrough. Her birth mother, Laura Blue-Yarbrough, died when Gracie was 11 years old. Gracie was a 1959 Benton Harbor High School graduate. She was an active member of Greater Community Christian Fellowship COGIC for 75 years and an active member of New St. Paul Tabernacle COGIC in Detroit. She loved cooking, traveling, people, babies and dogs, and she adored and loved her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Gracie leaves to cherish her memories, her sons, Maurice (Diane) Bowman, Darrell (Evelyn) Holliday and Roderick (Lorna) Holliday; son-in-love, Ronald Wooden; sisters, Betty (Glenn) Madison, Lyneva (Rudolph) Dalton and Sandra (Charles III) Wilson; brothers, Charles (Mamie) Yarbrough, Glenn, Robert Louis, Michael (Rebecca), Richard (Rosetta) and David (Darlene); sisters-in-love, Wilma Yarbrough and Udoxie Robinson; 19 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, friends and church family.

Gracie was preceded in death by her daughter, Tamara Bowman-Wooden; son, Eric Bowman; their father, Eddie Bowman; husband, Donald Holliday Sr.; sister, Diane Rutter; and brothers, Arby Yarbrough, the Rev. Robert Robinson and Harold Dockins.

Nellie Nichols

July 28, 1925 – June 5, 2020

Nellie McCalvin Nichols, 94, of Benton Harbor departed this life June 5, 2020.

A memorial service will be held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Benton Harbor. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Nellie was born in Portageville, Mo., to Peter and Ada Jackson. She married her first husband, Clarence McCalvin, and lived in Chicago, where she was a cook in a hotel until they moved to Benton Harbor. They wanted to have a child together and adopted their first child, Lanny Glass. She loved children, cooking and baking. Nellie also loved, cherished, and took care of a special nephew, Gregory Glass. Her husband passed away in 1971 and she continued to take care of her boys with tender love and care, and occasionally a small branch from the tree.

Nellie was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Peter Jackson; sisters, Chattie Harris, Clemmie Ward and Lottie Coleman; first husband, Clarence McCalvin; sons, Sylvester Jennings and Gregory Glass; second husband, Lyle Nichols Sr.; daughters, Delores Bonds, Barbra Johnson and Irene Nichols; son, Michael Nichols; granddaughters, Brenda Nichols and Christine Nichols; grandson, Jeffery Nichols; and great-grandson, Antonio McMillon.

Nellie leaves to cherish her memories: sons, Lanny (Alicia) McCalvin and Brian Nichols; daughter-in-law, Juanita Jennings; son, Lyle (Beverly) Nichols Jr.; sister, Pollie Stovall; and brother, Jodie (Ernestine) Jackson; and a host of friends, neighbors, nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Jerry Dean Tanner

May 19, 1946 – July 19, 2020

Jerry Dean Tanner, 74, of Hartford passed away suddenly on Sunday, July 19, 2020, at Ascension Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Jerry was born on May 19, 1946, in Bradford, Ark., the son of Carl and Madeline (Robertson) Tanner. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was carpenter by trade.

Jerry married the former Joan Pleyer, who preceded him in passing on March 28, 2012. Also preceding him in passing was a son, Ric Tanner; a grandson, Cole Birkhead; his parents; and brothers, Jim, Ray and Bob Tanner.

Jerry leaves behind to cherish his memory, two sons, Josh Tanner and Donnie Tanner; a stepson, Troy Nevins; a stepdaughter, Nicole Nevins; 11 grandchildren: Noah Tanner, Chloe Tanner, Nathaniel Tanner, James Tanner, Jacob Tanner, Heather Tanner, Dylan Tanner, Drake Nevins, Josie Nevins, Luke Birkhead and Ryder Birkhead; and a brother, Don Tanner.

The family will welcome friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at Calvin Funeral Home in Hartford. You must wear a mask and please remember that we are restricted on the number of people allowed inside at one time, so please be patient and all we be able to greet the family.

A celebration of life service to honor Jerry's memory will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, July 24, at Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. Memorial condolences for the family can be left on our website at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Barbara Jo (Brown) Sanford

Feb. 7, 1948 – July 14, 2020

Barbara Jo (Brown) Sanford of Stevensville passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, in Lake Forest, Ill., surrounded by family, at the age of 72, after a courageous six years with cancer.

She was filled with nothing but love for her family and friends, warmhearted and sincere to so many. To us she was beautiful and kind, an inspiration and so loved.

Barbara was born on Feb. 7, 1948, to Robert P. and Barbara (Cook) Brown in Chicago. She grew up in Plainwell, Mich., and graduated from Plainwell High and Western Michigan University. On Dec. 5, 1970, Barb and James P. Sanford were married at the Plainwell First United Methodist Church. She worked at Parker-Hannifin Corp., Bendix Corp. in St. Joseph and Lakeshore Public Schools, retiring after 23 years as a secretary.

Barb is survived by her husband of 49 years, Jim Sanford of Stevensville; children, Kelly (Steven) Hodges of Lake Forest and Jay (Jessica) Sanford of Chicago; much-loved grandchildren, Maxwell Hodges and Wesley Sanford; parents, Robert (Fran) Brown of Delton and Barbara (Jack) Shoemaker of Plainwell; sisters, Patti (Denny) Keith of Kalamazoo and Kathy (Earl) Atkins of Plainwell; brothers, Jim Brown of Otsego and Steve (Janet) Brown of Middleville; and the nieces and nephews that Aunt Jo loved dearly.

Barb was preceded in death by her infant twin sister, Sandra Brown; and inlaws, Max and Joyce Sanford.

Celebration of Life details forthcoming. Until then, thoughts of her bright smile will be in our hearts.

Death notices

Jose Luis Martinez, 72, of Lawton died July 18, 2020, in Lawton. Betzler & Thompson Life Story Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-3870.

Timothy J. Munday II, 29, of Sodus died July 19, 2020. Halbritter Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Nellie McCalvin Nichols, 94, of Benton Harbor died June 5, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Barbara Jo (Brown) Sanford, 72, of Stevensville died July 14, 2020, in Lake Forest, Ill. Northern Illinois Funeral Services, Inc., Volo, Ill., (847) 833-2928.

Jerry D. Tanner, 74, of Hartford died July 19, 2020, at Ascension Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Willard Wayne Wheeler, 85, of Bridgman died July 21, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

MSU will set aside a dorm for students who have virus

EAST LANSING (AP) — Michigan State University said it will take a residence hall out of regular service and use it for students who test positive for the coronavirus.

Students who live on campus can move to Akers Hall or return home for a certain period if they test positive. The dorm can hold roughly 500 people, said Kat Cooper, spokeswoman for Residential and Hospitality Services.

"As we watched cases rise around the country, we decided we needed more options for that available to us," Cooper told MLive.com.

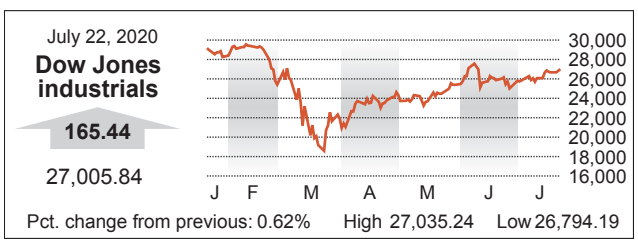
The Akers strategy could create a housing shortage, although it's not seen as likely at this time, she said.

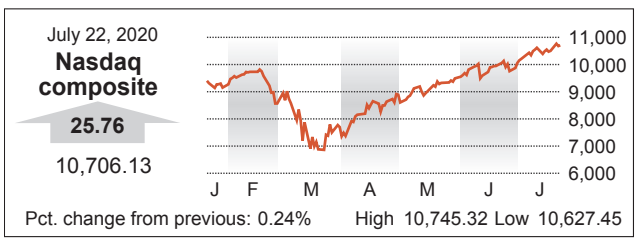
MSU students, staff and visitors are required to wear masks on campus.

"We know decisions to wear masks and maintain physical distancing can have a positive impact on the health of our students, colleagues, instructors, loved ones and friends," President Samuel Stanley Jr. told students in an email last week.

The fall term starts Sept. 2.

MARKETS





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▲ **4-wk.** +18.9% ▼ **YTD** -.4%

LocalStocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	30.16	-.09	-0.3	▼	▲	▼
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	89.28	+1.72	+2.0	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	192.58	399.82	389.09	+1.09	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1168.98	+13.21	+1.1	▲	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	40.23	23.45	-.64	-2.7	▲	▲	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	64.08	+1.94	+3.1	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	48.48	+1.28	+2.7	▲	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	42.57	...	...	▲	▲	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	180.48	175.49	-.16	-0.1	▼	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	119.03	+.41	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	97.12	+1.05	+1.1	▲	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	76.05	43.61	-1.04	-2.3	▲	▼	▼
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1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	34.33	-.87	-2.5	▲	▲	▼
FordM	F	3.96	10.35	6.84	+.16	+2.4	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	7.06	+.02	+0.3	▼	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	263.87	265.17	+2.75	+1.0	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	9.88	-.10	-1.0	▲	▬	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	9.23	+.01	+0.1	▲	▼	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	178.14	169.34	-.81	-0.5	▼	▲	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	128.67	+2.61	+2.1	▲	▲	▲
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McDnlds	MCD	124.23	221.93	198.62	+5.64	+2.9	▲	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	130.78	216.38	211.75	+3.00	+1.4	▲	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	23.11	-.06	-0.3	▲	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	56.52	-.52	-0.9	▼	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	43.23	38.56	+1.87	+5.1	▲	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	128.09	126.14	+1.07	+0.9	▲	▲	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	85.66	+.63	+0.7	▼	▲	▲
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TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	28.36	-.56	-1.9	▲	▲	▼
Target	TGT	80.03	130.24	123.14	+2.94	+2.4	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	145.67	145.95	+1.93	+1.3	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	125.31	118.72	-.32	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	55.75	-.09	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	93.46	+2.32	+2.5	▲	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	134.13	132.66	+.33	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
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Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	38.07	+.33	+0.9	▲	▲	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	81.54	-.94	-1.1	▬	▲	▲

One dead after crash on bypass due to wrong-way driver

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

NILES — A Benton Harbor man is dead and a woman faces possible charges after a head-on collision early Wednesday.

Berrien County Sheriff's Sgt. Tom Dyer said Darnell D. Johnson, 28, was pronounced dead at the scene of the 3 a.m. crash on the St. Joseph Valley Parkway near Niles Township.

Police did not release the name or hometown of the 29-year-old woman, who they said was hospitalized for injuries and faces a possible charge of driving while intoxicated causing death.

Dyer said police were called on a report of a sport utility vehicle traveling north in the southbound lane of the St. Joseph Valley Parkway near Niles, around mile marker 6.

Responding officers then were informed of a head-on collision on the bypass near mile marker 9. Berrien County Sheriff's deputies and officers from the Berrien Springs-Oronoko Township Police Department arrived at the scene to find a woman outside her SUV and a man dead on the ground outside his vehicle, after he had been ejected.

The crash remains under investigation by the Berrien County Accident Investigation Team. Dyer said the preliminary investigation revealed that alcohol consumption by the female driver was a contributing factor in the crash. He said more information will be released later.

Police were assisted at the scene by the Niles Township and Berrien Springs-Oronoko Township fire departments, and Michigan State Police.

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Michigan lawmakers start approving plan for $2B budget gap

By ANNA LIZ NICHOLS
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan lawmakers began approving a plan Wednesday to address a $2.2 billion state budget hole caused by the coronavirus pandemic, relying on a mix of federal funding, the state's cash reserves and budget cuts.

Legislators meeting for a joint session of the House and Senate appropriations committees approved drawing $350 million from the state's $1.2 billion "rainy day" fund, the second time the state has done so in 15 years. The panel also signed off, with a 15-1 vote, on an executive order from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer cutting nearly $667 million that includes reduced funding to state agencies and a hiring freeze.

Whitmer, a Democrat, and Republican legislative leaders announced an outline of the plan earlier in the summer. It also relies heavily on federal funding, using what's left from the $3 billion Michigan got from the federal coronavirus relief law.

Public schools, community colleges and universities will use about $712 million in federal relief funds. The Senate approved two bills Wednesday, allocating $512 million for K-12 schools and $200 million to support universities and community colleges. Also, the state is setting aside $53 million in hazard pay for teachers.

Lawmakers praised the efforts as bipartisan.

State Sen. Curtis Hertel, a Democrat, said on the Senate floor Wednesday that he hopes the bipartisan collaboration will continue. In the coming weeks, legislators will have to tackle another budget shortfall for the fiscal year that starts in October.

WAYLAND LIVESTOCK

Wayland Livestock sales as of Tuesday, July 21.
Prices are per pound.
Choice steers & heifers 92 cents..... $1.02
High yielding choice & prime 93 cents . . 96 cents
Utility cows 60 cents..... 72 cents
Canner & cutter cows 45 cent..... 65 cents
Bulls 77 cents..... 91 cents
Top bull calves 60 cents $1.05
Hay $3.90 ..... $6.25 per bale
Straw $2.80 ..... $4.10
For information, call 792-2296 or fax 792-8055.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Ralph Dahn, 72, of Watervliet, died Friday morning of a traffic accident near Watervliet after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Dahn was born Oct. 20, 1922, in Bainbridge Township. He was a former Benton Harbor police officer. He was the owner-operator of Don's Drive-In and the former owner-contractor of Perma-Crete. He also served as Benton Township justice of the peace and Benton Township clerk. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of F.O.P. Lodge 100.

1985 – 35 years ago

Former U.S. Rep. Edward Hutchinson, who sprang from relative obscurity as this area's congressman to national prominence during the Nixon-Watergate investigation, died last night in a Naples, Fla., hospital after a brief illness. He was 70.

Hutchinson was a native of Fennville and took an apartment in St. Joseph in 1972 to establish legal residence when the 4th Congressional District was redrawn, eliminating his Allegan County home from the district. The move harmed him little, as he won subsequent elections by comfortable margins. Before his election to Congress, he served four years as a state representative and 10 years as a state senator.

1970 – 50 years ago

Construction is scheduled to begin next week on the Oronoko Township Hall off Snow Road west of the Berrien Springs village limits. Of colonial design with a red brick exterior, the hall will house township offices and meeting rooms. The hall will be built near the center of an 11-acre site. Township officials had talked with village officers about a joint municipal building for the two units, but the village decided against the project at this time because of a lack of funds.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, July 23, the 205th day of 2020. There are 161 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On July 23, 1829, William Austin Burt received a patent for his "typographer," a forerunner of the typewriter.

On this date:

In 1885, Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president of the United States, died in Mount McGregor, New York, at age 63.

In 1914, Austria-Hungary presented a list of demands to Serbia following the killing of Archduke Franz Ferdinand by a Serb assassin; Serbia's refusal to agree to the entire ultimatum led to the outbreak of World War I.

In 1948, American pioneer filmmaker D.W. Griffith died in Los Angeles at age 73.

In 1967, five days of deadly rioting erupted in Detroit as an early morning police raid on an unlicensed bar resulted in a confrontation with local residents that escalated into violence that spread into other parts of the city; 43 people, mostly Blacks, were killed.

In 1999, space shuttle Columbia blasted off with the world's most powerful X-ray telescope and Eileen Collins, the first woman to command a U.S. space flight.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
PARTLY CLOU	PARTLY CLOU	PARTLY CLOU	PARTLY CLOU	MOSTLY CLOU	SCATTERED T-STORMS
78°	64°	79° / 70°	83° / 77°	85° / 74°	77° / 69°

Local Outlook

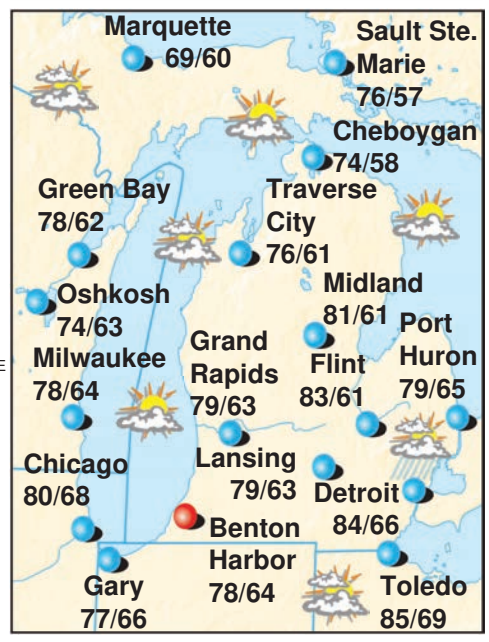
TODAY WE WILL SEE PARTLY C SKIES, HIGH TEMPERATURE OF HUMIDITY OF 66%. NORTHWEST W TO 9 MPH. EXPECT PARTLY C SKIES TONIGHT, OVERNIGHT LOW SOUTH SOUTHWEST WIND 1 TO 9 FRIDAY, SKIES WILL BE PARTLY C HIGH OF 79°, HUMIDITY 65%.

Sun and Moon

SUNRISE	6:30 A.M.
SUNSET	9:13 P.M.
MOONRISE	9:38 A.M.
MOONSET	11:30 P.M.

FIRST	FULL	LAST	NEW
7/27	8/3	8/11	8/18

Regional Map



Local Almanac

BENTON HARBOR YESTERDAY

Temperature

HIGH	84°
LOW	70°
NORMAL HIGH	83°
NORMAL LOW	62°
RECORD HIGH	93° IN 2002
RECORD LOW	52° IN 2007

PRECIPITATION

YESTERDAY	0.00"
MONTH TO DATE	2.19"
NORMAL FOR MONTH	3.19"
YEAR TO DATE	24.27"
NORMAL YEAR TO DATE	20.08"

Air Quality

YESTERDAY 54

MAIN OFFENDER ..... PARTICL

THE HIGHER THE NUMBER, THE GREATER THE NEED FOR PEOPLE WITH RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS TO REDUCE OUTSIDE ACTIVITY.

0-50	GOOD
51-100	MODERATE
101-150	SENSITIVE
151-200	UNHEALTH

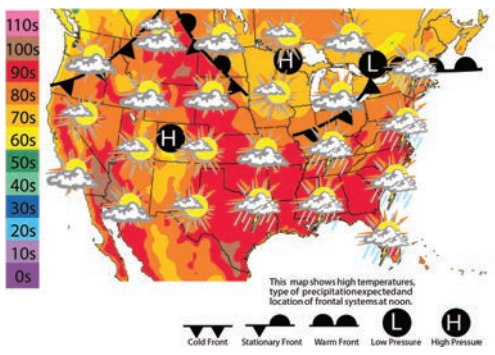
Weather Trivia

On average, how many thunderstorms occur in the United States each year?

Answer: ABOUT 100,000 THUNDERSTORMS. 10% ARE CLASSIFIED AS SEVERE.

National Weather Map

FORECAST MAP FOR JULY 23, 2020



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Lake Michigan

TODAY, NW WIND 6 TO 9 KT. WAVES 1 TO 2 FT. WATER TEMPERATURE DEGREES. TONIGHT, N WIND 5 TO 7 KT. PARTLY CLOUDY. WAVES AROUND

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

TODAY, SKIES WILL BE PARTLY CLOUDY TO MOSTLY CLOUDY W 60S AND 70S. NORTHEAST WIND 3 TO 6 MPH. EXPECT MOSTLY FRIDAY WITH HIGHS IN THE 70S AND 80S. SOUTHEAST WIND 1 TO 6

Lower Peninsula

TODAY, SKIES WILL BE MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH ISOLATED SHOWE 70S AND 80S. NORTHWEST WIND 3 TO 9 MPH. EXPECT PARTLY FRIDAY WITH HIGHS IN THE 70S AND 80S. SW WIND

Sierra Club apologizes for founder John Muir's racist views

By BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Sierra Club apologized Wednesday for racist remarks its founder, naturalist John Muir, made more then a century ago as the influential environmental group grapples with a harmful history that perpetuated white supremacy.

Executive Director Michael Brune said it was "time to take down some of our own monuments" as statues of Confederate officers and colonists are toppled across the U.S. in a reckoning with the nation's racist history following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Muir, who founded the club in 1892, helped spawn the environmental movement and is called "father of our national parks," is the focus of what Brune called a "truth-telling" about the group's history.

"He made derogatory comments about Black people and Indigenous peoples that drew on deeply harmful racist stereotypes, though his views evolved later in his life," Brune wrote on the group's website. "As the most iconic figure in Sierra Club history, Muir's words and actions carry an especially heavy weight. They continue to hurt and alienate Indigenous people and people of color."

Muir, who was born in Scotland, came to the U.S. as a young man and traveled and wrote extensively, romanticizing nature in breathless passages. He emphasized the need to preserve the land but also disdained American Indians as dirty savages and Black people as lazy "Sambos," a particularly offensive slur.

He also kept company with other early club members and leaders, such as Joseph LeConte and David Starr Jordan, who advocated for white supremacy and promoting the race through eugenics, which called for forced sterilization of Blacks and other minority groups, Brune said.

Until recent years, Muir's legacy has been largely untarnished and focused on his conservation efforts, such as saving Yosemite Valley before it became a national park and preserving the world's largest trees in what became Sequoia National Park.

But Richard White, a Stanford history professor, said Muir's advocacy for wilderness has an inherent racial bias.

Muir's image of pristine wilderness unshaped by humans only existed if native people weren't part of it. Even though they had been there for thousands of years, Muir wrote that they "seemed to have no right place in the landscape." American Indians needed to be removed in order to reinvent those places as untouched.

DRIVE-BY

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shooting. However, Carter was pronounced dead after life-saving measures failed, according to a news release from the Benton Township police.

Police said witnesses to the shooting told them a red four-door sedan drove through the parking lot while someone fired shots from the vehicle.

No arrests have been made and no suspects identified.

Anyone with information about the murder is asked to call Benton Township police at 925-1135, or call Crimestoppers at 574-288-STOP or 1-800-342-STOP.

Smit added that no arrests have been made in last week's looting incident.

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HEUGEL

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emails was from Wuerfel. The wrongful dismissal lawsuit was filed by a person who had worked for Huegel when he was president of the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce.

In a phone call Tuesday, Heugel said, "I firmly deny the allegations" in the lawsuit.

"It appears these allegations are coming from my opponent's camp, and it is my hope that the voters can see that this is an attempt to tarnish my character two weeks before an election," Heugel said.

Wuerfel said she did not solicit the emails to The HP, nor did her campaign.

She said the discussion started on Facebook, after she posted a copy of the election advance.

Wuerfel said the lawsuit is not what motivated her to run for election.

"Since I announced I was running, I've had people reach out to me and tell me their stories. I think it's important for the entire community to know about it, because it's been going on for years," she said.

According to court documents, the lawsuit against Heugel and the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce was filed Aug. 19, 2019, by Patricia Muellen, who was hired Oct. 31, 2014 as director of sales and member services. She was fired Sept. 19, 2018.

The lawsuit was settled earlier this year, in April.

The lawsuit alleged that Heugel, as chamber president, fired her based on her being a woman who was trying to get pregnant, and that prior to her firing he was discriminatory and caused her a hostile working environment.

Muellen claimed that Heugel gave as his official reason for firing her, "because of her commitment to Fred Upton." In April 2018 Upton had asked to "borrow" Muellen part time for a few months to work on his campaign and was given board approval.

In the lawsuit, Muellen claims that Heugel told her that if she had children he would have to replace her. She claims she had begun fertility treatments and surgery and she was denied personal time off even though she had hundreds of unused hours. She was replaced by an older, non-childbearing aged woman, the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit further alleges that after firing her, Heugel spread lies about her throughout the community, damaging her business and personal reputation.

Among the exhibits admitted in the lawsuit is a letter to the chamber board from Wuerfel, outlining why she did not renew her chamber membership. In the letter, she says it was unfair for the board to allow the chamber president to run for political office while firing another staff member for helping someone run for office. The letter goes on to say what while she (Wuerfel) was on the chamber board, she challenged Heugel on a decision and "was put on his target list." Wuerfel said in the letter that, "He does not like women" and that if female business owners challenge him on anything they become a target.

Heugel said, regarding the lawsuit, "It's been resolved, and I cannot comment further because there are confidential agreements in place. I have never had another case against me."

He also said the lawsuit is not why he left the chamber, in September 2019, to take another position.

"Claims that it was are completely untrue, and I'm proud of everything I did at the chamber. From almost the get-go, hospitality has always been my passion, and I knew almost immediately that I would go back to hospitality."

Huegel is a general manager for Aimbridge Hospitality, a hotel management company.

Wuerfel is the owner of the Mosquito Squad.

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